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IT'S A GREEK PICNIC IN THE NSL CUP!

THE climax of the 1983 Soccer season — the National Cup Final over two legs — has been monopolised by the Greeks!

Next Sunday at St George Stadium in Sydney, Olympic play Heidelberg United in the first match, with the return scheduled for Olympic Park, Melbourne one week later.

Both teams are supported, fanatically, by Greek migrants.

And anyone who doubts the strength of Soccer in Australia's Greek community should go along to these matches.

Seeing is believing.

There will be plenty to see (and hear) when the supporters of Olympic and Heidelberg get together over the next two Sundays.

The Croatians, Italians, Maltese and South Americans can be pretty

noisy and violent when they attend vital matches, but of all the migrant groups in this country, none creates more atmosphere at Soccer than the Greeks.

At times, of course, they overdo things. They have even been known to tangle with the constabulary.

We must hope the fans following Olympic and Heidelberg next Sunday and the Sunday after will

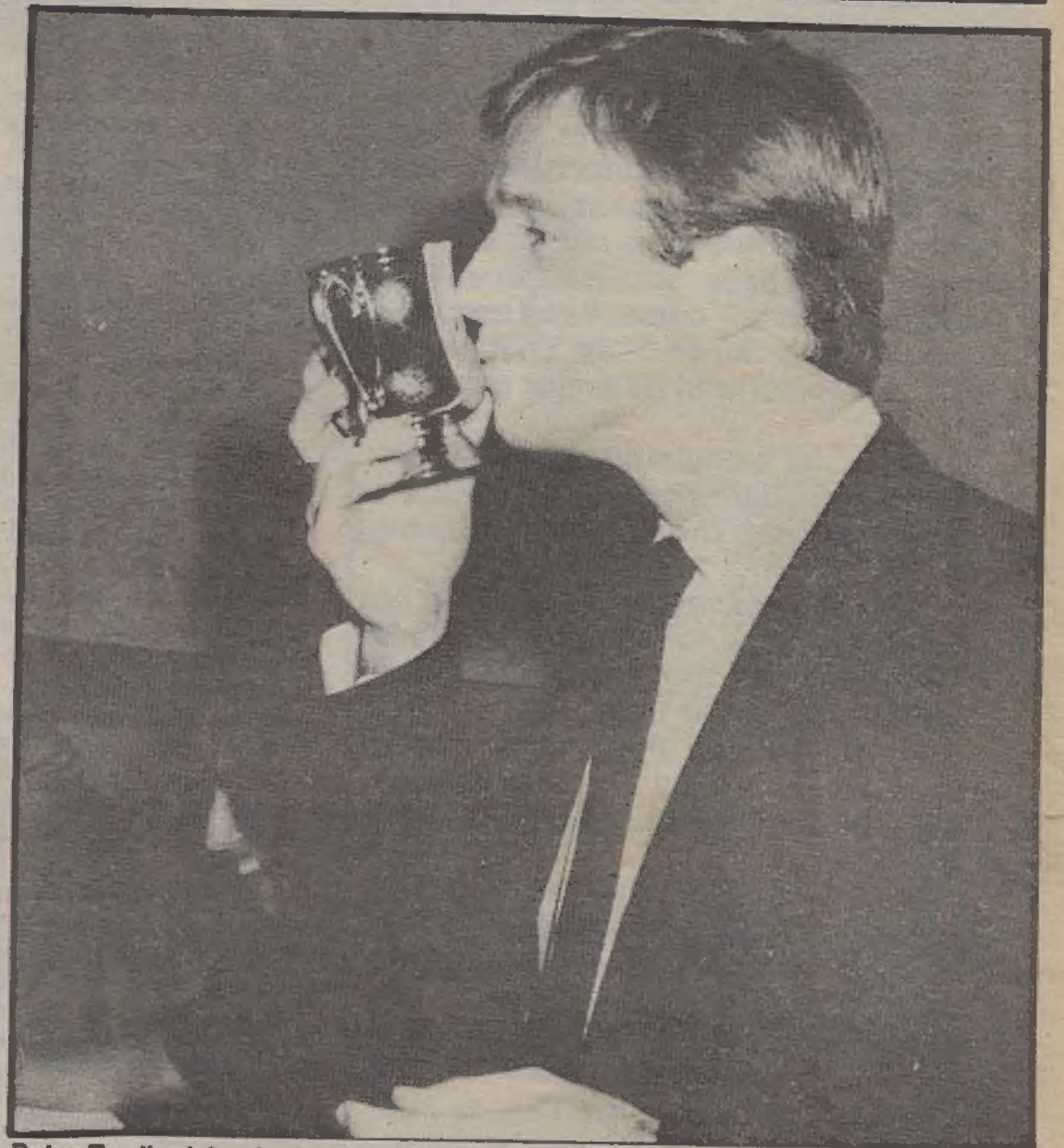
be on their best behaviour.

It has been a relatively trouble-free 1983 Soccer

By David Jack

season, and it would be nice to keep things that way.

Olympic coach Manfred Schaefer is very optimistic about his team collectively. Continued on page 2



Peter Tredinnick, elected Soccer Superstar of the Year in Sydney, kisses a gold tankard, part of his prize presented at the Hakoah Club.

TRUSTY 'TREDS'

Leichhardt's midfield general, Peter Tredinnick, was the deserving winner of the 1983 Presto — Daily Mirror Player of the Year award reports ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

At 23, Tredinnick has reached the pinnacle of his career and no doubt he will continue to stay at the top of Australian Soccer for a long time.

This prestigious award, which is in its third year, is a fine promotion for the game of Soccer in this country. Throughout the season a "player of the week" is judged by either Tom Anderson or the numerous Mirror correspondents throughout the country.

As well as winning this important award, Tredinnick's performances this season have not gone unnoticed by National coach Les Scheinflug.

Recently, Tredinnick was selected in the Australian squad to defend the Merlion Cup in Singapore later this year.

Success hasn't fallen Tredinnick's way overnight. He is one Australian player with a glowing background.

During the Australian Championships in Victoria in 1976, "Treds" as

he is affectionately known to his team mates, starred and was voted the outstanding player in the competition. A fine achievement.

In 1979 he was selected in the Australian Youth squad that went to South America to contest the qualifying rounds of the World Youth Cup. That same squad boasted names like Peter Katholos, Alan Davidson etc.

Peter Tredinnick was a Newcastle district product and played in the famed Booragul High School team along with Craig Johnston, now of Liverpool fame and others such as Newcastle KB's Malcolm McClelland.

His father, a high school headmaster and great Soccer enthusiast, has seen Peter and also his younger son Howard head to the top in Australian Soccer.

Peter has specialised in left side play — his left foot is strong. This says a lot for his dedication in

improving his football because he is a natural right-footer!

So often in 1982 with the successful Wollongong outfit it was Tredinnick who broke through to score when a vital goal was needed.

He has no greater supporter than his friend Arno Bertogna. They moved from the South Coast to Leichhardt together and Arno says "Peter is tops."

Peter gives a lot of credit for his own success this year to John Bradley — the skilful all-rounder who knows just how to read a game.

Last season he played for Wollongong City in the National League and this year Leichhardt were quick to sign him up and he hasn't looked back since.

Leichhardt's gain and Wollongong's loss.

I'm sure all the Australian supporters, players and officials wish Peter all the success that falls his way in the future.

Well done Peter.



Atti Carbone, with some help from Marconi team-mate Tom McCulloch, clears the ball following a raid from Sydney Olympic in the National Cup semi-final.

EDITORIAL

AN embarrassment out of the way!

That is undoubtedly the way a lot of Soccer folk will see the resignation last week of Queensland Federation president Ian Brusasco.

Brusasco firmly believed in recent months that the two Queensland clubs, Brisbane Lions and Brisbane City, would be better off if they opted out of the National Soccer League.

What's more, he said so in public. Several times.

Not surprisingly, this did not endear Brusasco to the officials who run Brisbane's two NSL clubs.

Lions and City virtually told the QSF president to keep his nose out of their business.

There has also been strong support for Lions and City from the NSL hierarchy. That is not surprising either. The NSL, at the moment, needs the Brisbane and Adelaide clubs. Without those clubs, Soccer would be unable to boast a "national" competition because it would have Super State Leagues in NSW and Victoria in its major competition.

Despite the ammunition hurled in his direction by supporters of the National League concept, Brusasco stuck by his opinion.

Now he has caved in. He realises he no longer enjoys full support from his State, so he has stepped aside in the best interests of the code.

It is coincidental that Ian Brusasco should get out in the very same week as Karel Rodny, the president of the NSW Federation.

Like Brusasco, Rodny has opposed the National League. He saw no future in the NSL. But he found powerful forces stacked against him.

And, after last week's NSW State League grand final replay, Karel Rodny announced officially that he was quitting the State Federation executive.

Ian Brusasco has been a member of the Australian Soccer Federation executive for 23 years, a remarkable record of survival indicating that he is no slouch as a Soccer legislator.

Karel Rodny has been on the NSW executive for 12 years, emphasising that clubs in that State were eminently satisfied with his performance.

Brusasco and Rodny will get by without their involvement in Soccer. Probably they will sleep more peacefully at night, free of criticism and threats of violence.

Soccer, also, will get by without Brusasco and Rodny.

But we think it is rather sad when a couple of administrators with the courage to fight for their convictions are now regarded as surplus to requirement.

Soccer in Australia is undergoing dramatic changes which we all hope will be for the good of the code.

There are people in high places who would like the game to be firmly controlled by the ASF and the National League — with the power of the States drastically reduced.

The exit of Ian Brusasco and Karel Rodny looks like the first step in that direction.

HODDLE PLAYS

RUMOURS that English and Tottenham star Glenn Hoddle will play for Manly (NSW) next year have surfaced once again.

In fact, believe it or not, Hoddle actually turned out for Manly last weekend!

Not playing Soccer, though. This Hoddle is a cricketer. He's Tony Hoddle and he plays grade for the Seaside team.

No relation to the great man from Spurs.

QSF STORM

BRUSASCO RESIGNS

BY GREG RUSSELL

LAST WEEK should have been an enjoyable one for Ian Brusasco — ex-president of the Queensland Soccer Federation.

As a Labor Party Alderman in the marginal city council seat of Lutwyche, Brusasco could well have been heartened by the improved performance of the party in the state election and the absolutely disastrous showing by the liberals, his immediate rivals in the council chamber.

But at a time when he should have been gleating over the crumbling of the State Liberal Party, he was desperately attempting to shore up his own organisation — the QSF.

Then just when it appeared he had been narrowly successful in getting the clubs to accept the restructuring document — the plan which was to make Soccer a force in the State — Brusasco turned his back on the federation.

He had just won the vote on the adoption of the proposals 44-41, although the breakdown — ignoring that some clubs had full votes and others only one — showed the clubs were deadlocked, 28 for and 28 against. To him, that was a defeat.

"I believe you don't get anywhere by simple majorities. I believe that the document has been rejected tonight. I also believe the work of the committee has been rejected and that in the best interests of Soccer I should resign and let you do whatever you like. I will have my resignation with the secretary tomorrow morning. Goodnight gentlemen, the meeting is closed," Ald. Brusasco said before rising from his chair, collecting his coat and walking sternly out of the room.

Admittedly there was applause when he abruptly announced his decision. But the applause came from clubs which have done as much for Soccer as ice did for the Titanic.

Those with their heads on properly, and their aims well formulated were stunned.

With no apparent heir in the winds, and no one capable of suggesting an acceptable candidate, it was indeed a sad night for Queensland Soccer.

But the writing had been on the wall, and in many ways Ald. Brusasco had helped put over his neck the noose which was all too easy for the raff to pull at last week's special council meeting.

The story goes back much further than last week's meeting.

This season has been an extraordinary one for Brusasco. Although he has always been quite vocal and won his share of headlines, this season it seems his name was never out of the media.

Whether it was running battles with the National League or explanations on the restructuring, he was never short of a word.

And similarly, even when he wasn't involved, he became the target of many pointed barbs.

Decisions that the restructuring committee made were never going to please anyone and it was said from the outset that clubs would be hurt. And when they hit back it was Ald. Brusasco that were the blame — although it had been a four-man committee.

But things came to a head last Tuesday.

And to hear so many clubs pushing their own barrows, completely ignoring the restructuring committee's aims of mak-



Brusasco

ing changes "for the good of Soccer", was disappointing to say the least.

In fact it was surprising that the other members of the restructuring committee didn't walk out with Brusasco.

"There was too much bitterness last night and all of them (the clubs) spewed that bitterness out against each other," Ald. Brusasco said afterwards.

But Ald. Brusasco had not endeared himself to the clubs at the vital meeting.

He accused three clubs of having blackmailed the federation and told another "we know all about you". And he hardly won any votes when after stifling an interjector he

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ing the National Cup. "I feel we should start favourites in the cup final," he said after his team eliminated Marconi 2-1 in last Sunday's semi-final.

Heidelberg's Jim Tansey, of course, does not agree.

"After beating Olympic 4-1 a few weeks ago, we have to fancy our chances," said Tansey.

I am sure Olympic have enough fire power to halt Heidelberg's long unbroken run of success — in the first leg.

But the Sydney team are going to find things

said: "I can speak when I like."

But the crunch came when a delegate asked whether the management committee had been unanimous in its acceptance of the proposals. There had been a leak for it was obvious Queensland Soccer's most powerful committee had been divided.

A verbal scuffle broke out between two members of the management and Ald. Brusasco was clearly riled. There appeared to have been a set-up.

That was denied by the delegate who asked the question but Ald. Brusasco made no bones about it the next day. He said he knew from where the leak had come.

"I am definitely not happy about it, but it is not in the best interests of Soccer to name him, he has to live with that now," Ald. Brusasco said.

The easy way out for Ald. Brusasco would have been to accept amendments to the restructuring document. But it was clear to accept the only amendment which would have given him a clear majority — to reinstate Brisbane City and Lions in the Premier League — would have opened a floodgate of other changes as every club sought to better their own positions.

He stuck with the original document, which in principle may believe is a good one, and the facts are that the proposals have now been adopted — be it by three votes or 30.

There will be two 10-team semi-professional leagues next year and the two NSL clubs and Valley Trident and Sunnyside will not be in the top one.

If that can not be achieved, as last week's vote suggests, then the clubs will put themselves in a ridiculous situation of having a competition without the rules to run it.

If that eventuates it will only confirm what last week's meeting suggested. Queensland Soccer is hellbent on self destruction.

very hard in Melbourne on November 13. Indeed, if they don't travel south with at least a two-goals advantage, they could be on the way out.

In other words, the tactics for each team in next Sunday's first leg are obvious.

Olympic must go for goals: Heidelberg must try to contain the opposition, even if this means desperate defence in depth.

It is certainly looking like a tremendous end to a season which, at times, appeared to be never-ending.

Let us hope the NSL tidies things up a few weeks earlier in 1984.



WRIGHT REJECTS DUNDEE OFFER

BRISBANE LIONS striker Danny Wright has ignored the trend set by some of his Young Socceroo team-mates and has turned down a chance to trial with Scottish club Dundee United, reports Greg Russell.

Wright, 18, believes that after nearly three years of constant football he needs a break.

And the youngster wants to play at least one more year in the National League before trying to break into the tough, highly competitive English set-up.

"Playing in the National League helps toughen you up and makes you a more mature player. You can never have enough of that type of experience when you are trying to break into an English club," Wright said.

And the Brisbane youngster should know. He went to Britain nearly two years ago to try his luck.

He trialled with London clubs Chelsea and Charlton and found that they are indeed hard times in English football and only the most brilliant of youngsters are offered contracts.

Yet more than anything, Wright is looking for a break after a hard season where he was the major striking force in a side which struggled at the bottom of the table.

The season also included the pressure-packed build-up to the World Championships which Wright was tipped by some not to make and be a last minute deletion from the squad.

But the red-haired striker fought hard for his position and made the trip to Mexico, although only getting a part game in the finals.

Potentially Wright is one of the most skilful strikers in the country and Lions are desperate to hold onto him. But the feelers have been out.

Already Brisbane City coach Jim Hermiston has stated Wright is on the top of a list of 10 players he has submitted to the club directors and Sydney City have reportedly made an indirect approach.

Wright's contract is up for renewal this off-season.

"Lions have always been good and I have no reason to leave. But I am

just playing things by ear at the moment," Wright said.



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STARS DESERT WEST ADELAIDE

WEST ADELAIDE could lose four of its established stars next season, reports TOM MCKAIN.

They have already written off midfield striker Graham Honeyman, who has announced he will drop down to the State League with another club.

The 30 year old is quitting for business reasons — he runs night and day contract cleaning companies — and to devote more time to his family.

The others who could move on are centre back Robbie Dunn, the 21 year old giant who has established himself in the NSL during the last two years; all-rounder Ian McGregor, a 26 year old who came up through the West juniors, and winger Graham Heys, who starred with Newcastle before joining West two years ago.

Dunn admits an interstate club is interested in signing him, but won't name them.

However, our tip is that it is Preston, with their centre half David Jones heading back to Perth.

Jones played for West and Adelaide City before moving to Preston.

"My contract is up and I will be looking around, and it is possible I will move interstate," said Dunn.

McGregor wants to stay, but also wants a new contract.

"It's no secret there has been financial problems in the club this year, and some things would have to be improved for me to stay," he said.

Heys is another player not happy with the set-up which has deteriorated this season.

"There will have to be some serious discussions before I sign anything," he said.

"I don't want to leave Adelaide, but at this stage I am willing to talk to anyone with a concrete proposition."

Apart from goalkeeper Martyn Crook, Honeyman and McGregor are the only two players left from the team which won

the national title in 1978.

"I've had seven good years in the NSL, including that title," said Honeyman.

"But my businesses are now my main source of income, and with both Adelaide clubs struggling



Graham Heys



Graham Honeyman

for cash and apparently unable to buy new players, it is time to get out, especially at my age."

Honeyman is expected to be snapped up by one of the leading State League teams, with Azzurri or Beograd the favourites.

Crook could also vanish from the West scene.

The club has already announced that it cannot keep him and Gary Sproul, on loan from Croatia, and signed earlier in the season when Crook was out for weeks with a knee injury.

Sproul held on to his place when Alan Vest, then coach, felt Crook had not regained form.

And since the departure of Vest, new coach Peter Koulizos has selected Sproul, as Crook has been unable to meet his training schedule because of work.

West has now to decide whether to retain Crook or approach Croatia to sign Sproul on a permanent basis.

West has also told midfielder Mickey Brennan and defender Billy Amey, signed by Vest, that they will not be required next year.

Brennan has already



Martyn Crook withstands this challenge from Steve Glockner. Crook is one of the three players left from the team that won the 1978 title.

managed to find a club in Perth, through Vest, and will be transferred there in his job with a super-market chain.

HOW TO KEEP A TEAM OUT OF THE RED

BY DAVID JACK

FINDING a Soccer club in Australia which trades profitably year after year is almost impossible.

But the NSW State League premiers, Melita Eagles, have done just that and it's a remarkable achievement when you bear in mind they have also developed their own home ground at considerable expense.

"We've shown a profit for the past six years and there wouldn't be many senior clubs in Australia who could make such a boast," says Melita secretary, Lawrence Dimech.

Obviously this was one of the most important points Melita put to the National League screening committee at an interview last week.

It must have impressed that committee, but on the touchy business of ethnic team names, Melita might have upset the VIPs who interviewed them.

The ASF is still maintaining its stand on the use of district names: it has been suggested that Melita should adopt a Parramatta name.

"That's all right with us — providing all other NSL clubs, including

those already in the competition, are governed by the same rule," said Dimech.

Not an unreasonable request. But it will not suit Marconi who flatly refused to adopt a district name when they became founder members of the NSL, or PSL as it was then.

Sydney's Croatia team, too, will certainly not drop its ethnic name.

It seems the rules will have to be bent to over-

come this eternally-baffling problem of club names.

The rulers of the national competition demonstrated in the case of Marconi that, if a club is wanted badly in the NSL, rules can, and will, be broken.

It's possible — as reported in last week's AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY — that the Government will step in and tell clubs none of them needs to change its name!

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Ian McGregor



Flashback: West German goalie Schumacher is beaten for the first time by Italy's Paolo Rossi, while his team mate Cabrini (left) celebrates. Italy went on to win the 1982 World Cup Final 3-1

THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH

THE arrangements and format for the 1986 World Cup Final series in Mexico are certain to cause a great deal of controversy when the FIFA Executive meets next month.

The present 24-team competition will stay but the format for the finals is certain to be changed.

And it is now perfectly clear that the entire series will be geared primarily for television as were the Finals in Spain last year.

This will mean the kick-off times will be around noon, the same as the Sunday games in 1970 when the finals were also held in Mexico.

This is bound to meet with the disapproval of most national coaches as mid-day in Mexico in mid-summer is as hot as a sauna bath.

I say this with experience after my recent visit there with the Young Soccerers for the World Youth Championships.

But I suppose the coaches will have to accept the inevitable as a World Cup Final series is now big business — probably the biggest in world sport.

This is not only for the participating teams, but also for the organisers and FIFA, who, after it is all over, will make a considerable profit, despite the millions of dollars they will have invested.

There should be no problems over the venues.

It has been estimated already that the takings in Mexico for FIFA will be around 50 million Swiss francs.

This is excluding television rights and advertising which brings in enormous revenue.

However, it must also be pointed out that organising a World Cup Final series costs a great

deal of money — around 24 million Swiss francs.

It is expected that over half of this cost will be carried by Televisa Mexico, the power behind the Mexican Finals and the Mexican Government.

If Spain is any criteria, about one third of the 24 million Swiss francs will be used to modernise and renovate the stadiums.

However, the grounds are excellent and the Azteca Stadium where the final will be played, is for my money, the best in the world.

The atmosphere is electric, the noise unbearable and the facilities excellent.

Again, as in Spain, emphasis will be put on "doping" and how to stop it during the final series.

Before the Spanish series, FIFA declared war on any players silly enough to take any prohibited drugs before a game.

"We intend to take drastic measures if there is any evidence of doping," declared a FIFA official recently.

"However no more players than usual will be checked. (In Spain, two players had to undergo a dope test in the first round, three in the second round and five in the final).

The World Cup Final series has grown so big

that insurance of \$US85,000,000 will be taken out in case a catastrophe happens and the finals don't take place.

World Cup players will also be insured for a mammoth \$US270,000,000 travelling on internal flights in Mexico.

If the Spanish format for teams is retained in Mexico, the 24 teams will each be allowed a squad of 22 players numbering 528 in all.

There will also be 41 referees for the series.

From FIFA, each player will receive an expense allowance of \$US150 per day in the first round — this is paid by the Organising Committee.

In the second and third round this will rise.

The battle to reach the finals will start next year and 119 countries will enter the elimination rounds.

The only two countries guaranteed to play in the finals are defending champions Italy and host nation Mexico.

This will be the 13th World Cup Final series and probably the biggest and greatest football show of them all.

More than one billion sports fans will be able to watch the action on television in 1986 and Televisa Mexico will invest \$US200,000,000 to

guarantee that the picture and sound quality of television transmission is the best possible.

In Spain 7,500 journalists reported the action to every corner of the globe and the number is expected to increase in Mexico in 1986.

This was broken down into the following categories — 3,750 representing the press, 3,000 TV and radio reporters and 750 photographers.

It really is going to be "the greatest football show on earth."

We can only hope and pray that in amongst it all will be our own Soccerroos.

After qualifying for the Cup Finals for the first time in West Germany in 1974, Australia missed out on Argentina and Spain. It would be a catastrophe if it happened again in 1986.

But somehow I've got a feeling Australia will be there with the best of them in Mexico.

Flashback to the 1978 World Cup Final. Crowds as large as this are expected in Mexico next year.



The marvellous Azteca Stadium.

A THRASHING FOR STH MELBOURNE

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

HEIDELBERG UNITED thrashed rivals, South Melbourne, on their way to the final of the National League Cup at Melbourne's Olympic Park.

The Bergers revenged their 3-2 defeat in the second round of the championship with a similar score that sent their supporters into premature festivities for the 1983 NSL Cup.

The loss of Alan Davidson and Arthur Xanthopoulos during the week were South's excuses for a mediocre performance.

It made their devoted supporters wonder what happened to their brilliant side which a week before had issued a serious challenge for the championship.

A shadow of their previous good self, South Melbourne were no match for their determined, superbly functioning opposition.

So Heidelberg's absolute dominance in the opening half of the game was a natural consequence of their superiority.

Heidelberg asserted their authority from the start and tore gaps in South's shaky defence, kept on its toes by lively Derek Lea, Gary Cole and stormy Scott Patterson.

The continuous supply of the ball by Heidelberg's midfield enabled their forwards to push forward from all directions and bring the best out of the South goalkeeper, Peter Laumets.

In fact had it not been for some brilliant goalkeeping by Laumets in the first half, Heidelberg would have achieved an astronomic scoreline.

Laumets, as agile as ever, moved repeatedly in front of his goal to block shots by Heidelberg's forward line.

Captain Gary Cole opened the scoring after 33 minutes with a powerful shot from inside the area after John Yzendoorn had deflected his first shot at goal.

Souths relied on breakaways with Brown and Egan venturing upfield alone for most of the first half.

The inability of their midfield to supply the ball however limited their activity and lessened the pressure on the opposition.

Souths were unlucky

not to have equalised in the 35th minute when Steve Blair came storming into the box and unleashed a powerful header that rattled Oliver's crossbar.

Heidelberg persevered with their attacks and consolidated their lead in the 37th minute when lively Derek Lea netted the second goal with a header from a Gary Cole square pass.

With Heidelberg leading 2-0 at half-time and South Melbourne unable to match the verve and enthusiasm of their opponents, the game looked over for the favourites South Melbourne.

Coach Len McKendry must have given his players a very good roast at half-time, because Souths resumed the match with a totally new approach.

They abandoned their defensive tactics of the first half and mounted an all-out offensive with Murphy, Crino and Yzendoorn providing most of the drive.

Cole, however, had different thoughts and sunk

LATE GOALS CAME

MUCH TOO LATE

their hopes for recovery in the 53rd minute with the third goal of the game.

Cole smashed the ball into the net with a powerful volley, securing Heidelberg's place in the final of the Cup.

Desperate as they were, South Melbourne threw themselves into attack and created a series of scoring opportunities that could have helped them change the scoreline had they been able to find the gaps in Heidelberg's defence.

South Melbourne were reduced to 10 men 10 minutes before the end when referee Don Campbell sent Steve Wooddin for an early shower, after the Kiwi international tackled Ian McKie behind play.

South Melbourne reduced the margin two minutes before full-time

from what was described by Jim Tansey as "a dubious penalty" after Don McLeod, back from a week's suspension, brought Doug Brown down inside the box.

Yzendoorn converted the penalty to change the scoreline to 3-1.

Heidelberg's full-back, Ian McKie, made the final score 3-2 by deflecting a shot into his own net.

HEIDELBERG UNITED: Oliver: McKie, McLeod, Yankos, Spanos, Valentine, Selemidis, Campbell, Patterson, Cole, Lea.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets: Russell, Blair, Halford, Murphy, Yzendoorn, Crino, Wooddin, Brown, Buljevic, Egan.

REFEREE: D. Campbell.

CROWD: 11,000.



Cole scored two vital goals for Heidelberg

MARCONI COULD NOT FINISH

BY TOM ANDERSON.

A smash and grab performance by Sydney Olympic against Marconi at St George Stadium took them into the 1983 National cup final.

Olympic smashed the Marconi defensive set-up to grab a 2-1 victory in a hard fought and thrilling battle.

Olympic won this tense semi-final because it took its chances and made fewer mistakes at the back than Marconi.

The Fairfielders had their chances but could not finish off their superior possession.

This was a real cup-tie, with end to end stuff the order of the day.

For most of the time, the midfield was neglected by both teams as the ball was hit from defence to the front runners at every opportunity.

It was a hectic struggle played at 100 miles an hour.

Marconi fell for the five-card trick when it lost the first goal to the ever alert Mark Koussas in the 14th minute.

After a couple of incidents involving Olympic striker Marshall Soper and Marconi defender John Djordjevic, it looked as if the Marconi defenders were more interested in "getting square" with Soper rather than tight defending.

In a lapse of concentration, the ball miscued off the boot of Marconi defender Tony Henderson to the unmarked Koussas who blasted it home.

Their second, seven minutes later, however was a gem and this time Koussas showed all his talent and good vision by hitting an inch perfect diagonal ball into the path of the advancing Patikas.

The youngster finished off the great move like a veteran.

Marconi fought back well and with the Olympic defence in all sorts of trouble appealing for off-

BUT OLYMPIC TOOK CHANCES TO WIN MATCH

side, Tommy McCulloch pulled one back in the 39th minute.

But McCulloch's joy turned to anguish right on half time when the Young Socceroo missed the easiest of chances to equalise.

Marconi completely dominated the second half but were unable to score because of some magnificent defending by Olympic's Kiwi international Ricky Herbert and goalkeeper Gary Meier.

At times Olympic showed flashes of the form that made it one of Australia's most exciting

teams — and coming forward looked the goods.

Marconi will play a great deal worse and win games.

OLYMPIC: Meier; Phillips, Coady, Herbert, Dakos, Jennings; Patikas, Katholos, Patalis (Kalantzis 68); Soper, Koussas.

MARCONI: James; Djordjevic, Henderson, Calderan, Bozanic; McCulloch, Sermanni, Carbone (Winn 63); Janakovic, Brown, Licata.

REFEREE: Jim Reeves.
CROWD: 3,175.



Flying high — that's Marconi's Steve Calderan, who outjumps Mark Koussas (Olympic) in the National Cup semi-final.

AUSTRALIA A BIG HOPE IN NOUMEA

AUSTRALIA should have a good chance of capturing the Oceania Cup when it takes part in the inaugural tournament in Noumea next month.

Main rivals for Australia will be New Zealand.

Always a hard team to beat, they will drive their girls hard for the prestige of bringing home the trophy.

Jim Selby, the Australian coach and the AWSA Director of Coaching, has selected a powerful line-up.

Two outstanding goalkeepers head the list of talent.

Vicki Salmons, a sturdy keeper who came into the New South Wales side last year, when she practically had a new team ahead of her, showed even then, that she had top quality.

Last year, in Western Australia when NSW regained the senior trophy, she showed her coolness and determination between the posts when only four goals were recorded against NSW in the series.

She is 22 and started playing when she was 13.

Always a goalkeeper, Vicki has shown no inclination to play in any other position.

Theresa Jones, a 20 year old with the Waverley club in Victoria, went away with the victorious Australian side to Hawaii last year when only one goal was scored against Australia.

Theresa has played State Soccer for Victoria for six years.

Sue Monteath from Queensland, although only 24, has had a wealth of Soccer behind her since she first started playing in 1977 with the Newmarket club.

In the first year she played State football, Sue was selected for the Australian squad.

She is a recognised player in the midfield and distributes the ball brilliantly.

Playing in an Australian side is not new to Sue. She went with Australia to Taiwan in 1978 and played against New

Zealand in 1980, 1981, and 1982.

She was a member of the successful Australian side that toured Hawaii last year.

She is a secondary science and maths teacher in Brisbane.

Second of the trio from the Sunshine State is Kerry Millman who with her sister, Joanne, has represented Queensland in National Championships.

Kerry had a meteoric rise in her climb to Australian selection.

At 19, she can look back on six years of Soccer before becoming an Australian player.

She commenced playing in 1977 with the Eastern Suburbs club in Brisbane and two years later, started her climb to success.

Kerry was selected in the Brisbane Youth team in 1979 to play in the State titles. She was also named captain of the Queensland Under 15 side the same year. A player in the Queensland Open side in 1979-80-81-82, Kerry came under Jim Selby's notice when the State team went to Darwin in 1979. She was named "Up and Coming Australian Player" at the Territory's titles.

Kerry also toured New Zealand in 1981.

Older sister, Joanne, has played for eight years and like Kerry, also started her career with Eastern Suburbs.

After playing for seven years with Easts, Joanne took a spell in a second division side but this did not affect her ability to be chosen to represent Queensland.

For the past four years, she has been selected in the Brisbane sides. She played in the Brisbane Youth team for one year and the Brisbane Open side for four years straight.

At the Adelaide championships in 1980, Joanne was named in the Australian squad.

Making a welcome return to Australian representation is Sandra Brentnall from Western Australia.

One of the longest-serving players in Australia, Sandra has been in Soccer for 11 years.

She started playing with the Inglewood-Kiev club in Perth and has played for her State since 1977.

She plays either as a forward or in the midfield and has an immaculate left foot shot that many a men's team would envy.

Sandra toured with the Australian sides in 1978-79-80 against various nationalities in the World Championships in Taiwan and Tests against New Zealand.

Kristin Theile from the NSW is a 22 year old defender who has played for seven years.

She started at high school when she persuaded her sports master to form a girls' side.

Kristin has played representative football with her district for six years and has been a State representative for five.

Her cool ability to clear dangerous balls away from her goal when under pressure, caught the eye of the national selector.

Although she is not very tall at 153cm, Julie Porter from the NSW south coast town of Thirroul, packs a powerful kick.

Julie is 22 and has been playing Soccer for five years. She started with

untiring attitude on the field and constantly serves opportune balls in front of her forwards.

Twenty-one year old Rose van Bruinessen, will be playing at centre back for the Australian team this year.

At 181cm tall (or 5' 11") she is ideally placed to prevent any stray shots coming to her keeper.

Rose first started 10 years ago with the Crest Soccer club in Bankstown.

Cool under pressure, she has a long raking kick as well as being very dangerous in the goal area when an Australian corner is taken.

Chosen in representative football in 1979 to play for NSW, Rose has played for her State for four years. She moved to

Before switching to the Gladesville-Hornsby Association last year, Leigh played with the Lane Cove club.

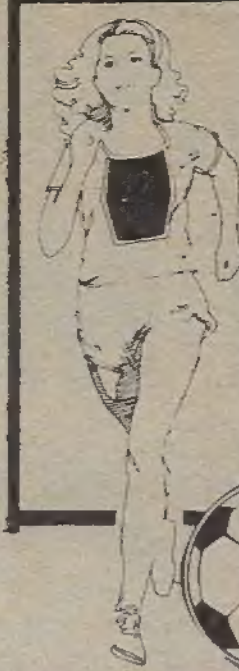
She is an experienced forward and represented New South Wales for six years.

Leigh played for Australia in the World Cup in Taiwan and also against New Zealand in 1979 and 1980.

She was a prominent figure in the Gladesville-Hornsby side when they won the first New Caledonian Cup played in Noumea.

At 17, Kim Lembryk is the youngest player in the Australian side this year.

Kim made her debut as a State player at the National games in Adelaide in 1980. She was previ-



Women in Soccer

By Don Balmain

than her counterpart in the rear line, Rose van Bruinessen.

Twenty one, Renaye has played all of her career with Budgewoi.

A danger to any defence is the only way to describe Renaye who is virtually unstoppable with the ball at her toe and the goal in sight.

She has played seven years with the Nthn. NSW representative side and this is her first Australian cap.

At 22, Julie Dolan can be regarded as one of the veterans of Australian women's Soccer.

A full international at 14, and a veteran of several other internationals by the time she reached 17, Julie was a schoolgirl hockey representative when she joined the St. George side.

During her first year in Soccer, she was selected to be part of the Australian team that travelled to Hong Kong to play in the first women's Asian Championship.

Julie again became an Australian player in Perth in 1977 when she was part of the team which took part in the women's world tournament in Taiwan.

An Australian player from 1978 to 1981, Julie is making a comeback to national representation this year.

Cindy Heydon and women's Soccer are synonymous.

A player for her State in 1976-77-78-79-80-81, Cindy came back again this year to play in Perth and regain Australian recognition once more.

Cindy commenced her run of Australian representation in 1976, followed this with a trip to Taiwan with the 1978 touring side and played in New Zealand with the Australian team in 1979 and 1981.

She is a master of midfield play and is capable of joining in attack. She is very dangerous with her corner kicks from either side.

Karen Menzies is a 5' 8" tall willowy blonde living in Newcastle.

She has played Soccer for six years, five of these with the Merewether club in the Newcastle area.

Karen first started her representative Soccer career when she was taken to Perth in 1977 as a junior in the Nthn. NSW Open team.

Injury caused her to

miss out on selection in 1978 but she was included in the team to go to Darwin in 1979.

She was named as a future player for Australia at the Adelaide games in 1980.

The Australian team will be leaving for the Oceania Cup on November 24 and it will



Leigh Wardell.

be played at the Majenta Stadium in Noumea.

Mrs Elaine Watson, vice president of the women's Oceania group and president of the Australian women's Association, was elected tour leader for this trip.

The manageress will be Mrs Betty Hoar, of Victoria.

A female referee who has performed well at



Rose van Bruinessen past national titles, Mrs Chris Turpin, formerly Chris Martin, will be travelling with the team and will officiate at the championships.

Mrs Jan Monteath, a physiotherapist from Brisbane who has tended the Australian girls before on overseas trips will again accompany the team to New Caledonia.



Julie Porter

the Bulli club on the south coast.

In 1980, Julie was playing with her club side when she was chosen for NSW.

She has played for her State in the National titles every year since.

Her first overseas trip with Australia was in 1981 when she toured New Zealand. Julie was a member of the team which toured Hawaii last year.

She is renowned for her

the St. George district in 1981 and has played two seasons with them.

After she played as a midfielder in 1979, national coach, Jim Selby, changed her to sweeper where she had three Tests against New Zealand in Australia, a return tour to NZ in 1980 and a Test match against New Zealand in 1982.

Making a return to Australian representation is 22 year old Leigh Wardell.

ously an under 14 State rep. and was a very successful forward with the Under 14 side which toured the east coast of America in 1981.

Quite an experienced forward at 16, Kim switched to the St. George area this year after playing two seasons in the Manly district.

Powerfully built striker, Renaye Iserief from Budgewoi on the NSW central coast, is just a few centimetres shorter

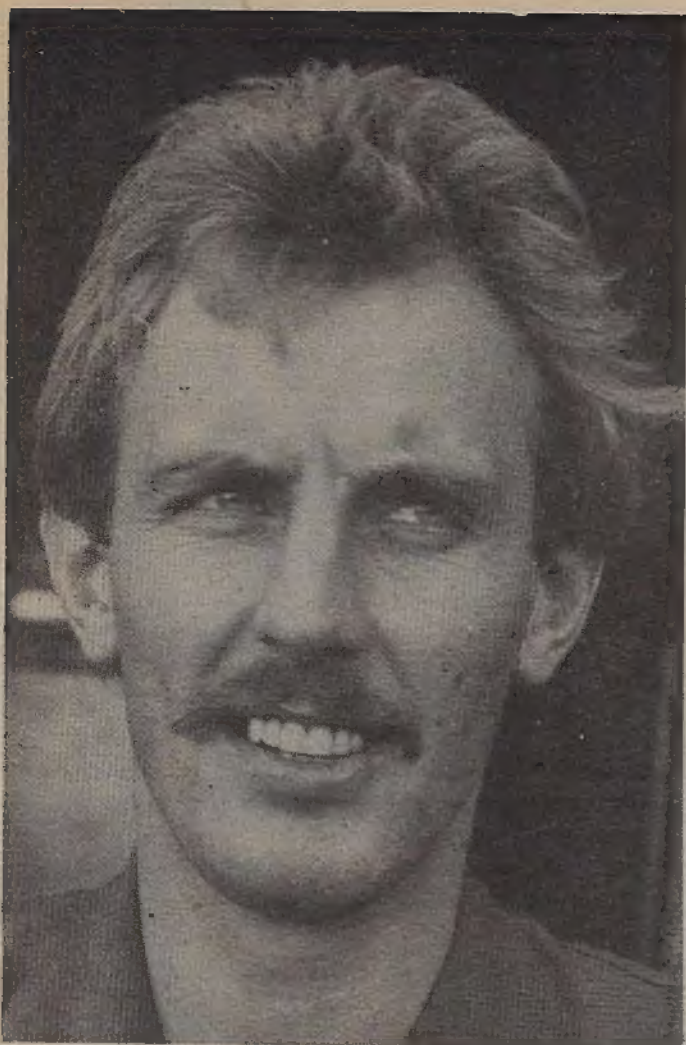


Julie Dolan

I regret to announce that Gail McQuarrie and Carmen Rocco, members of the Victorian Women's Soccer Association and State players, were killed in a motor accident whilst returning from Sydney last week.

Sincere condolences go to their families.

DON BALMAIN



TONY HENDERSON says he is quite enjoying coaching chores with Marconi after being pitched in as a stop-gap following the sudden departure of Doug Collins.

"Tommy Sermanni and I share the work and we've coped well," said Henderson.

"The players worked encouragingly last week after getting over the Collins shock. Doug is a hard act to follow."

Like Collins, Henderson is a great admirer of Marconi goalkeeper Bruce James. "Bruce was a magnificent buy for us this year," said Hendo.

IN the past five years, NSW Federation treasurer Charles Valentine has travelled 18,000 miles in his car between his home and the Federation's Parklea complex.

The journey is about 40 kms in each direction and Charles usually covers it several times a week.



Billy Griffith: a loss for the Saints?

THREE very talented youngsters are tipped to win regular places in Sydney City's first grade squad in 1984.

The three are Ean Rodrigues, John de Marigny and Graeme Fletcher.

A few days ago, de Marigny flew to Scotland for his second stint with Premier League club Aberdeen, holders of the European Cup Winners Cup.

Rodrigues, de Marigny and Fletcher are all the same age... just 19.

Tony Henderson: happy

IF YOU are a Soccer magazine collector you may be interested in this little lot.

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FRANK AROK has deservedly been given a lot of praise for steering St George brilliantly to the 1983 NSL title.

But did Frank slip up when he decided to release two players who have been in magnificent form this year?

The pair are Paul Kay and Billy Griffith. Kay has had a great season with Sydney City and so has Griffith with the State League premiers Melita Eagles.

If Arok did make a mistake, he shouldn't worry. Not with the championship securely in Saints trophy room!



Graham Honeyman: can he be persuaded?

GRAHAM Honeyman is adamant that we will not line up for West Adelaide next season, but team manager Frank Karaginnas is confident he can persuade the midfielder to reconsider.

Honeyman, 30, wants to concentrate on his businesses — carpet cleaning and industrial cleaning — and finish his career with a State League club in First Division.

"I'm sure we can persuade Graham to give us one more season," says Mr Karaginnas.

ANYONE who doesn't believe that Australian Soccer is "going local" should check Sydney Olympic's line-up for the important NSL game against Preston.

According to coach Manfred Schaefer, Olympic fielded eight Aus-

tralian-born players, two who arrived as babies and only one import.

LLOYD Hardes, who played with Edgeworth Eagles, Western Suburbs, Newcastle KB, Sydney City and had a trial period at Heart of Midlothian, has resumed full training following a series of major knee operations.

Lloyd has been sidelined for a couple of seasons but it now appears he will be raring to go for 1984.

Marshal Soper has been a model player since new coach Manfred Schaefer took control of the reins.



NSW ASPA Player of the Year, Phil O'Connor, with his Radio Rentals TV award, pictured with runner-up David Ratcliffe. Obviously both players know the right Soccer paper to read!

ONE of the criteria required of clubs in the National League is having their own home ground.

That being the case, ASW was surprised to hear that Sydney Croatia were thinking about sharing Marconi Stadium with the Marconi team.

And does anybody know what is the home ground of Sydney Olympic? Is it St George Stadium or Pratten Park or some other ground?

There is one obvious home for Olympic — if it is ready in time for the new season. That's Wentworth Park where the super new grandstand is rapidly taking shape.

And Wentworth Park Trust is most anxious to have a Soccer team sharing the ground with the greyhound people.

JIMMY WRIGHT, sold to Adelaide City after being brought from Scotland to join West Adelaide, looks

like staying in Australia.

He could not gain a permanent place in the City NSL line-up, but emerged as the reserves' top player in the State League Second Division.

With the team moving up to First Division next year, the winger now seems certain to be retained by the club which will back him for an extended visa.

KURINGAI, the NSW State League team, have enquired about playing their home matches at Englefield Stadium next season.

Bill Englefield, who owns the stadium, quoted a figure of \$380 for each home game.

This year, many visiting teams complained about the poor state of Kuringai's home ground Parklands. It would certainly not be suitable for National League matches if Kuringai are accepted.

TWENTY players attracted votes from members of the Australian Soccer Press Association (NSW) in the "player of the year" contest for the Radio Rentals TV set.

That's a wide range of contestants. However, only the top three, Phil O'Connor, David Ratcliffe and Joe Watson polled really heavily.

O'Connor, as reported last week, was a convincing winner.

BOTH Tommy Docherty and Frank Arok found Marshall Soper hard to handle this year but the Olympic centre-forward has been a model player since Manfred Schaefer took over Sydney Olympic.

"Soper leaves all other Australian strikers for dead," said Schaefer, adding, "and off the field. I haven't had a moment of trouble from him."





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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

WE ALL HAVE OUR OWN IDEAS WHERE SOCCER, PARTICULARLY AUSTRALIAN SOCCER, IS HEADING.

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE BY BILL MANDLE OF THE CANBERRA TIMES IS CERTAINLY FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

WHILE NOT AGREEING WITH EVERYTHING HE HAS TO SAY, HIS THOUGHTS ARE WELL WORTH NOTING WHEN WE CONSIDER THE FUTURE OF OUR GAME.

WE REPRODUCE HIS ARTICLE WITH THE KIND PERMISSION OF THE CANBERRA TIMES.

Soccer, make way for football of the future

THIS past week the English soccer team played a European championship match in Hungary. The team won 3-0, but will still have great difficulty in qualifying for the finals of the championships because, three weeks ago, it lost at home to Denmark.

The English Press was suitably, and justifiably, woebegone. I was, equally justifiably, gratified to observe that the resident pundits made the same criticism of English style, performance and players not to mention manager Bobby Robson, as I did in this very column at the end of the miserable English tour of Australia. Lumbering and unimaginative central defenders, stereotyped forward play, and the sadly ineffectual (because of his team-mates' failings) skill of Trevor Francis were all mentioned. So was the incapacity of Robson to transfer his talent as a successful club manager at Ipswich (but how often they failed is as often forgotten) to the international level.

Few English pressmen, as I also remarked at the time, chose to winter in Australia. One who did was arguably Britain's finest sporting journalist of the moment, Hugh McIlvanney of *The Observer*. He, like all perceptive men, was appalled at the English performance, although he was less than charitable to Australia's team which he likened to husky treefellers or caber-tossers.

More recently — and if you bear with me I'll get to the point eventually — McIlvanney visited Australia to watch, among other things, a VFL finals game, not the big one, but as it happened the semi-final between Hawthorn and North Melbourne.

McIlvanney's expertise is in boxing and soccer principally though he, responsive journalist that he is, can make a good fist at picking the bones out of any sporting contest his indulgent proprietors choose to send him to. The Australian Football game he witnessed was his first, and it was worth consulting a copy of *The Observer* of September 18 to see what he had to say.

He was by no means over-critical, as so many trained upon soccer or even rugby are, to the seemingly more undisciplined surge and flow of the greatest football code of them all. He tried hard, and on the whole successfully, to comprehend the game, and I, who came away these many years ago from Thebarton Oval, Adelaide, after seeing Norwood defeat West Torrens, can readily appreciate the difficulties of trying to extract orderly thoughts from the witnessing of such a richly flowing spectacle.

But he did express bafflement over one aspect. He could not determine, watching the kaleidoscope of Australian Football being shaken so rapidly before his eyes, why and how Hawthorn had won.

This, as should all confessions of weakness in great men (being as they are, so rare) set me thinking. In soccer and in both rugby codes, explanation of victory is relatively easy. For one thing the games are slower, for another they have a more predictable pattern. And this brings me back to English soccer.

It is possible that soccer as a whole has lost its capacity for inventiveness, whereas Australian Football, so much more complex a game in terms of numbers, size of playing area, length of contest, incidence of scoring, utilisation of human limbs, and a greater variety of sporting skills, is capable of virtually infinite variation, variation that can be both planned before, and improvised during, a game so as to conceal from both opponent and onlooker the reasons for victory?



Soccer has known its tactical and strategic changes but, watching it of late even at World Cup level, I get a feeling that staleness is setting in. The dazzling play of Paolo Rossi? Was it any different from Jimmy Greaves's goal-snatching technique of 20 years ago? I see that some English teams are reverting to three men at the back this season. Come back from the grave Herbert Chapman, you'd feel at home though dead these 50 years!

Soccer, they tell us, is the simplest of games. In that lies weakness as well as strength. There is a limit beyond which simplicity cannot be stretched. Soccer's essentially skeletal form makes it an easy and watchable game, played by novices or infants. Australian Football played poorly or by children is a pathetic spectacle. That is because it is a game that requires both a higher intelligence and a greater range of human physical skills. Like three-dimensional chess compared with draughts or, in the case of Rugby League, ludo, it is a game that is far more reaching the limits of its variability.

Not so soccer and not so, especially, English soccer which is the oldest and therefore the tireddest of the lot. Its playing malaise is matched by the refusal of people to go and watch it.

Perhaps English soccer officials should stop worrying about crowd violence and absence of seating and consider replacing an obsolete, if honourable, old game by the football of the future — Australian Football. Soccer could then become like royal tennis is to lawn tennis — a quaint survival of a glorious past that is now at one with Nineveh and Tyre — and the dodo.



Francis: ineffectual

COLLINS IS ARROWS BOW

BY STEVE BURNS

DOUG COLLINS, one of Australia's most respected Soccer coaches, has accepted terms to join Canberra Arrows in the NSL for the next two years.

Collins replaces former Soccer Atti Abonyi who has joined Sydney Croatia in the anticipation that they will be included in the new-look, two division NSL in 1984.

Collins started work in Canberra yesterday (Monday.) Since arriving in Australia in 1981 to coach Sydney Olympic on the recommendation of Tommy Docherty, Collins achieved considerable success with both Olympic and the club which discarded him recently, Marconi.

With both clubs, he developed young teams that played crowd-pleasing attacking football.

Commenting on his appointment, Collins told ASW that he never wanted to be part of the coaching roundabout but it had been forced upon him. "I feel like the person who has been able to get a boat into the water but never able to see it sail," said Doug.

Collins added that he had accepted a two-year contract and would buy a home in the national capital.

"I was tremendously impressed with the way Canberra went about securing my services. They wanted me and contacted me in a professional and positive way.

Collins said it had been also important to him to be able to settle his wife and two school-age children in Canberra. His family would move to Canberra at the end of the present school term.

"After being taken around Australia's national capital one couldn't fail to be impressed. It is a magnificent city," Collins said.

Canberra Arrows also announced the appointment on a consultancy basis of Johnny Warren the man who was coach of the first Canberra team to enter the Philips league — Canberra City.

Warren will now take over the club's Public Relations and sponsorship negotiations.

"The club believes that Doug Collins was the best coach available for Canberra Arrows. We had to move quickly to secure his services as other clubs were chasing him," Warren said.

Collins has a great reputation for developing young talent and we hope a solid relationship can be developed in Canberra with AIS coach, Jimmy Shoulder.

"Doug knows it is a big challenge but is the type of man who has never shirked a challenge," said Warren.

VICTORIANS SCRAMBLE

WITH only a few days left until the successful applicants to the new NSL set up are announced there is still no real indication as to who will be the lucky clubs to step up the ladder reports GARY CUTLER

Although Melbourne Croatia and Juventus are reported to be almost certain in the Victorian division, even they have had no official word on the matter.

Logically, these two are the obvious choices and I would be surprised if they were not admitted.

As far as the other two positions are concerned things are different: any

two of seven clubs may get the nod.

What is to be gained by changing the system in the NSL?

The biggest advantage is clear, travelling expenses are certain to be cut by over half if not more.

Clubs which have already had the experience of playing in the NSL, and the administrators

who know how much work has to go into the running of a top club, will be at a big advantage to the new comers.

The big question is, do these clubs who wish to join the NSL have the ability to run them when they are admitted?

Many people are of the opinion that the step-up will be too much for some committees to handle.

When it comes to the

crunch and extra finances are needed, will they be able to produce the funds, and how long will a few people throw in the money to keep the team going?

These questions will only be answered in time and indeed many of the clubs have the capacity for promotion.

On the other hand, the new League will be a big improvement on the standard of the games the supporters will watch.

The promise of local derby games almost every week is sure to increase attendances.

The other problem being created in Victoria is who will fill the vacancies left in the State League?

This has given the VSF a real headache as they recently sat in a meeting to discuss the situation for over four hours without reaching any conclusion.

It is believed that there have been more than 20 applicants for the five vacancies that will become available.

So who will get the thumbs up?

I think the NSL positions will be filled by Croatia, Juventus, Mor-

well Falcons and Green Gully with the other likely contender being Sunshine George Cross.

This will weaken the State League considerably, and it may well be that next season there will be two or three teams fighting it out for promotion to the NSL.

Sunshine George Cross would be an almost certainty to get promotion at the first go as they have already shown they have the ability, as a team, to take on anyone and also have a top coach in Tommy Traynor.

So what of the teams

who will get into the State League?

This is harder to predict but Frankston Pines from the first division and also Western Suburbs look two good bets; Broadmeadows is likely to take out the third position.

St Albans from the second division look certain to replace Croatia as the only Croatian-backed club.

The last position is an open battle but for an outsider take a look at Sth Oakleigh or Caulfield City.

All this is speculation and I could be wrong in some of the cases.

But whichever teams get the go ahead, there are sure to be a lot of disappointed players, committee men and supporters throughout Victoria.

UNDER 15's

IN YOUR "Readers Forum", 4/10/83, Mr R. Brown brought to everyone's attention the sorry state of affairs existing in the Under 15 State team (NSW). I totally support his views.

Unfortunately the problems that he outlined are not confined to the U15's.

The performance of the NSW U14's was also very poor considering NSW is supposed to be the "strong" State.

For the U14's, trials were called for selection in April. The Australian title was played at the end of September. This means the coach had nearly six months to prepare his team.

The question is: Why was the team's performance so poor after six months run-up?

The answers are,
1. The coach's ability in selection and coaching.
2. Too many friendly games and not enough coaching.
3. Party politics in selections.

This sorry problem has

been with us for a number of years and is like a malignant cancer. The medication and treatment for this disease is simply to amputate the Youth League Federation and Association, transplant more able members and inject a good blood transfusion at the same time.

V. Divani

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FROM BRAZIL

MY name is Ricardo Cordeiro da Rocha, a Brazilian Soccer player, 18 years old, 1.76 m, 66 kg.

I have played football in several Brazilian teams, such as S.E. Pal Meiras, C.A. Juventus, S.C. Corinthians Paulista, São Paulo F.C., and lately C.R. Vasco da Gama of Rio de Janeiro in the last

Carioca competition of professional teams.

My contract with Vasco da Gama is cancelled for financial reasons.

As I have been playing football since childhood and acquired experience with the above Brazilian teams, I have become a quite experienced player. I am trying now to play football with a team abroad.

Since I have no contract signed with any Brazilian team, I would be pleased whether you could talk to or put me in contact with some clubs in Australia who would be interested in a right-half.

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WATSON'S CROSSES

IT WAS a crazy season for the Slickers this year, in losing our grip on the championship to St George we also scored fewer goals and conceded more than in any other year since the inception of the NSL.

The team also lost twice by four-goal margins, 4-0 to Preston and 5-1 to Olympic, the heaviest defeats the club has ever suffered in the NSL.

Earlier in the year, Slickers threatened to pull out of the competition and it was in the weeks that followed that all the uncertainty finally affected performance, and it was, in fact, during that period the team went down to Preston and Olympic.

It was also a disastrous year for injuries. Lost to the team for long parts of the campaign were Ian Souness, Kevin Mullen, Murray Barnes, Kenny Boden, Steve O'Connor and Ian Bruce. Then just as we were settling, David Mitchell was lost to Glasgow Rangers and more reshuffling had to take place; the big fella was sorely missed.

The team did however manage to hold on to its great home record and finished the year undefeated at home.

The loss of only six goals in 15 home games is a record that will be hard to beat. But it was the team's away record, normally its strong point, that killed its chances of a fourth championship.

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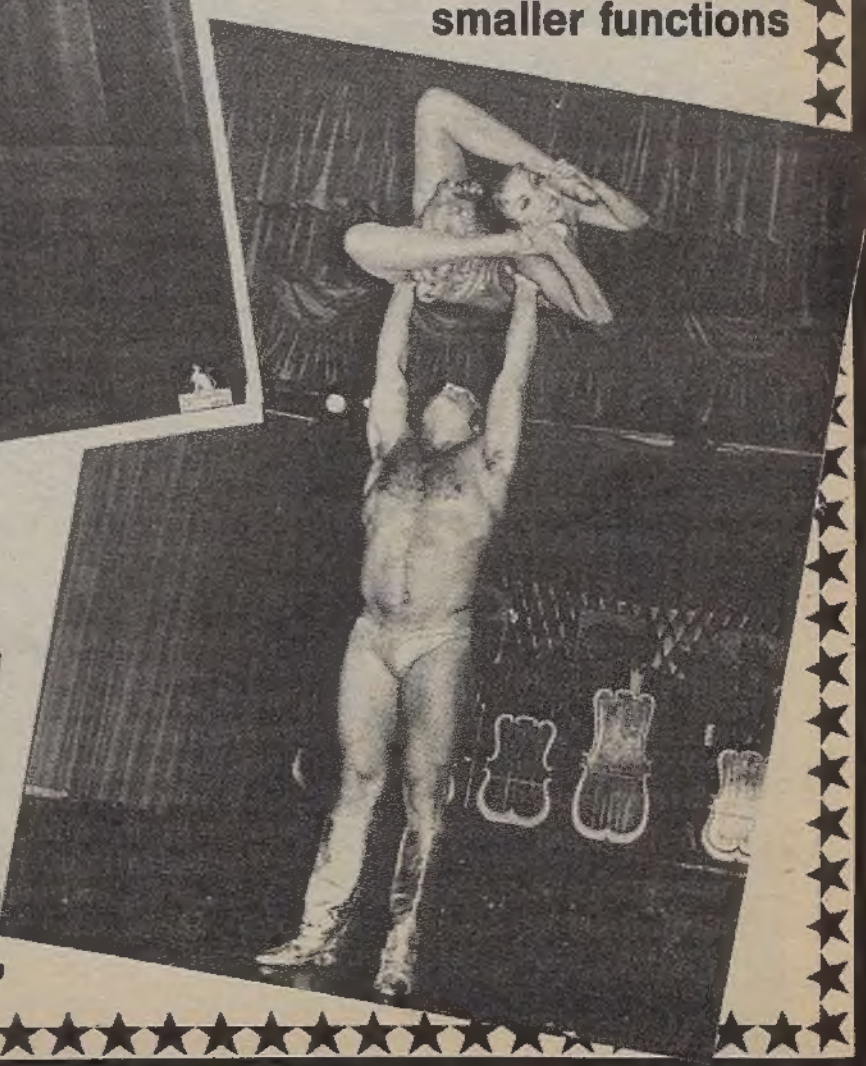
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TWO CUP FINALS ON TV's 0-28

By JOHN ECONOMOS

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This year's Cup Final will be played over two legs.

The first is set down for Sydney at the St George Stadium on November 6, with the second leg at Olympic Park, Melbourne on November 13.

The Melbourne game will be telecast live to Sydney, Canberra and other regional stations at 3pm, but Melbourne will not take the match live.

The Cup Final will be settled on the aggregate of goals.

Highlights of the vital second leg will be screened on Match of The Day at 7.30pm the same evening and will be presented by Les Murray, whilst commentary will be provided by the Network's Mike Hill and Laurie Schwab.

On the international calendar, Sunday December 11 sees another very important match brought live to Australia by Channel 0-28, when it screens via Satellite the 1983 World Club Champ-

ionship Final, direct from Tokyo, the Toyota Cup.

The Toyota Cup, is contested every year between the winners of the European Cup and the South American Cup.

For the international club fixture, West Germany's SV Hamburg will clash with Brazil's crack side, Gremio.

Remember the date. Hamburg Vs Gremio Sunday, December 11, at 2 PM, on the Soccer Channel, Network 0-28.

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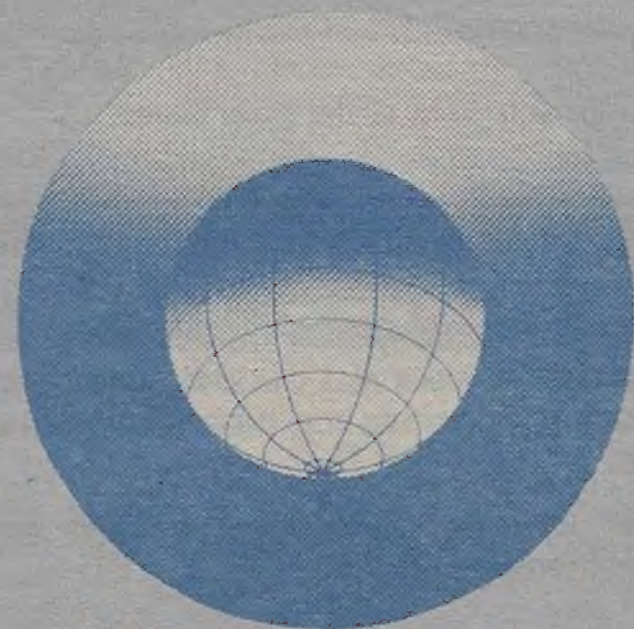
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NSL CUP GIANTS IN ACTION

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

NEXT Sunday, at the St George Stadium, Sydney Olympic and Heidelberg United clash in the seventh National Cup Final which will be played over two legs, the first in Sydney and the second in Melbourne on Sunday week.

For Sydney Olympic, it will be the first time they have made it to a Cup Final in National Soccer.

Heidelberg have reached the Cup Final twice previously... in 1980 when they were beaten by Marconi, and again last year when they lost to Peter Wilson's Leichhardt side 2-1, in Melbourne.

To get into this year's Final, Heidelberg beat Footscray 3-2, West Adelaide 4-0 and last Sunday in the semis, knocked out rivals South Melbourne 3-2.

Sydney Olympic got through by defeating 1983 League champions, St George 3-0, Newcastle 3-1 and last Sunday holding out against Marconi 2-1 after being two up in 21 minutes.

Both teams are Greek-supported, and both have new coaches.

Heidelberg replaced their Ken Morton with international and current club player, Jimmy Tansey, whilst Sydney Olympic replaced their Tommy Docherty with another former Australian international, Manfred Schaefer.

Both new coaches played as defenders. Heidelberg's Tansey has not lost a match since taking over some nine weeks ago.

Both sides have a deadly central striker. Heidelberg's giant blond captain, Gary Cole, has hit the target seven times after being sidelined for much of this season with a leg injury, while Sydney Olympic's captain, Marshall Soper, has cracked in 15 League goals.

Heidelberg finished this season in sixth place on the NSL ladder — Olympic finished seventh.

I contacted Heidelberg's captain, Gary Cole last night and asked him his views on the Cup Final:

"Obviously it's going to be a hard leg in Sydney for us, but we still remember our last win over Olympic when we beat them in Melbourne 4-1. We are confident.

"Don't forget, we've been in a Cup Final twice before and should be more experienced," ended Cole.

Meanwhile the Sydney Olympic skipper, Soper, hit back with: "We'll just have to wait and see, won't we?"

"Over the last couple of

matches, we have been defending much better, something which had been lacking in our game."

Interesting individual duels will take place all over the pitch.

How will "King Cole" be able to bust Sydney Olympic's magnificent centre-back, Mike Coady?

Is Olympic's Peter Katholos going to get over the top of Heidelberg's intelligent, pacey and skilful Jimmy Campbell?

Will Heidelberg's tough centre-back, Don McLeod be able to shackle Olympic's top goalscorer, Soper?

Heidelberg definitely has the edge over the youthful Olympic when it comes to experience, but Olympic has strength and pace that Heidelberg cannot match.

Heidelberg has scored 10 goals in the Cup so far, conceding four, to give them a plus 6 difference. Olympic cracked in eight goals for only two against... an equal plus 6 difference.

At this stage, Heidelberg could be without their tough left-back, Johnny Spanos who has

stitches in a face wound, a legacy from last Sunday's match with South Melbourne. Otherwise Tansey will retain the same line-up as last Sunday.

Sydney Olympic could still be without their midfielder, Peter Raskopoulos, who has not

played since their clash against West Adelaide three weeks ago.

A crowd of 8,000 is expected next Sunday at the St George Stadium for this match which will be controlled by Australia's top referee, Tony Boskovic.



Sydney Olympic defender Mike Coady will prove to be a tough man to pass in defence for Olympic.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

BY PETER RUSSELL

AT THE ST GEORGE Stadium on Sunday the inaugural N.Y.L. Representative team acquitted itself well against a well organised Sydney City, reinforced by Gerardo Gomez, Paul Kay, Kenny Boden and Ian Bruce.

Although thrown together at the last minute and not having the benefit of even one training session, the 'Select' side showed its qualities, coming back from a one goal, half-time deficit to grab a well deserved winner and finish the last 20 minutes as if they had been playing together all season.

The Slickers with Kenny Boden and Paul Kay in top form and combining well, led the Select side a merry dance for the first 30 minutes and only some excellent work by Michael Barnett, Jamie Dummett and keeper Bob Catlin restricted the scoreline.

The Slickers opened the scoring in the 25th minute with a brilliantly executed goal, when Boden found Neil Parfitt ghosting in on the blind side of the defence with a perfect cross and Parfitt finished off with an equally perfect header.

In the second half the Select's replacement keeper David Curley made up for his lack of inches with some excellent saves from young Slickers replacement Murray Gale.

The N.Y.L. side finally equalised in the 76th minute with a

well taken goal by Tony Genovese.

Eight minutes later Pedro Ricoy turned the Slickers defence inside out before forcing Warren Haslem to handle on the line with the ball net-bound. Domenic Giannone made no mistake from the spot.

Outstanding for the N.Y.L. side, Michael Barnett, Paul Gillogly, Jamie Dummett and Pedro Ricoy, whilst for the Slickers Paul Kay, Kenny Boden, Michael Lynch and Neil Parfitt were in top form and young replacements Fabian Sacilotto and Murray Gale showed a lot of promise.

N.Y.L. SELECT: Catlin (Leichhardt)/ Curley (Wollongong), Spirovski (St George)/ Muhlbauer (Wollongong), Raftoy (Newcastle), Barnett (A.I.S.), Dummett (Wollongong), Gillogly (Newcastle), Bernal (A.I.S.), Gage (Canberra), Ricoy (St George), Genovese (Leichhardt), Van Egmond, (Leichhardt)/ Servas (Olympic).

SYDNEY CITY: Konistis, Bruce, Lynch, Haslme, Ree (Sacilotto), Parfitt, Hooker, Paterson (Parish), Kay (Gale), Boden, Gomez (Kumsuz).

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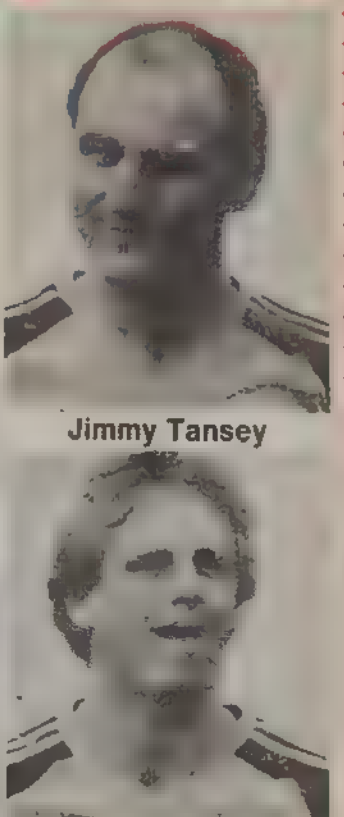
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REFEREE: Tony Boskovic



Jimmy Tansey



Gary Cole



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1pm Women's Game

2.15pm St George Old Boys Vs Sydney All Stars



NORTH WEST FOR SUPER SOCCER

WITH THE 1983 season ended in the north-west region of NSW, Associations and clubs are now preparing for their annual meetings in readiness for 1984.

Undoubtedly the centre of discussion in past weeks in the Tamworth, Armidale and Gunnedah areas has been the proposed formation of the "Super Soccer '84".

A steering committee headed by Tamworth Soccer identities Trevor Baker and Alf Small, has put a proposal forward for the formation of a new concept in Soccer for the region.

Their idea is to form an inter-city competition made up of 10 or 12 teams in first and reserve grades, from clubs in Tamworth, Armidale and Gunnedah.

Local senior competitions in the three centres would continue as previously with a first and reserve grade format. At the conclusion of each season a promotion/relegation system would be implemented between the local and intercity competition.

A public meeting of interested clubs and code followers was held on Sunday, October 23 at the Tamworth and District Workmens' club.

There was an exceptionally good attendance from Tamworth clubs, together with two delegates from Armidale. Officials were disappointed that Gunnedah was not present following their initial interest and acceptance to attend the meeting.

At the meeting, directors of Northern NSW first division club Tamworth City Raiders tabled an extension to the original proposal as laid down by the "Super Soccer '84" committee.

Briefly, Tamworth City's proposal wholeheartedly supports the new inter-city competition concept for 1984 and adds that a North West Senior Soccer Association be formed. Providing this change became a reality, they would then forsake the current name of Tamworth City Soccer club.

From this association, the two teams (first and reserve grade) would be selected from the Tamworth, Armidale and Gunnedah inter-city competition to compete in the Northern NSW First division against Newcastle area clubs.

Following the meeting, Tamworth City Raiders' spokesman Gemert Beijeman stated, "What we are proposing is a united front for Soccer."

"For years now there have been rival factions pulling against each other. We've got to stop that and all work together if Soccer is to survive and flourish in the area," Mr Beijeman said.

With the overall proposal for an Association to control all north west senior Soccer, the question of sponsorship through major national companies would be more enlightening as they are more prepared to sponsor a competition or series, rather than an individual club or team.

A meeting of the steering committee and club delegates to vote on the Tamworth City proposal and any other suggestions on the new "Super Soccer '84" concept will be held in Armidale on Friday, November 11 at 7.30pm at the Ex-Services Club.

A further Tamworth meeting of all interested clubs will take place on Sunday, November 20 to report on the Armidale meeting and hopefully gather together Gunnedah's reaction on the proposed new competition.

-Mike Pavey



"I'm booking you for retaliating before you were fouled"

der 19's for a number of years but is no stranger to the first grade scene.

He will be keen to retain all the players who were with the club when they took out the League and grand final a few weeks ago.

His problem could be that if the coaching combination of Luke Robaard and Phil Carr go to another club they might attract some of the Figtree players.

The full list of coaches appointed so far is:

Figtree: Adrian Ringland; Fernhill: Gerry Walker; Corral: Dave Mollison; Bulli: Norm Flanagan; Cringila: Daryl Glover; Shellharbour: Gary Masters; Tarravanna: Eric Thompson; Russell Vale: Frank Brindley and John Morris.

AVALA SET SIGHTS FOR THE FUTURE

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

NSW State League Club, Avala, are about to sign a long-term lease to use the playing and entertainment facilities of the Australian Serbian National Centre, located in the Western Suburbs.

The building is valued at more than \$2,000,000 and is one the finest and biggest ethnic clubs in the west.

Last week an extraordinary committee meeting was called to clarify and give full rights to the secretary of the Soccer club to process the necessary papers regarding Avala sub-leasing the playing fields and facilities over a long period.

At the same time the club started a fund raising rally aimed to collect \$100,000 from loyal club officials and supporters. They were not far off in reaching the target.

The building was designed by President of the Serbian-National centre Mr Veljko Travica and was supervised by the manager of Tonic Constructions, Mr Dick Tonic.

Both men, aside from contributing these services free, also put forward cash donations.

In completing the building hundreds of people from the Serbian community made available their time and labouring efforts voluntarily.

Behind the building itself will be a big sporting complex featuring two Soccer fields. At a latter stage, bowling, tennis and squash facilities will be made available.

The building will be opened in a few months time. Mr George Velickovic, a director of Beograd Excavations, is also contributing a great deal of time and effort in the development of the Soccer fields.

"I did a lot of work with the excavation equipment in cutting and filling the site plus a lot of material from the Sydney Cricket Ground — where I did demolition work — will be used for spectator facilities at the Serbian complex," he said.

In fact, Mr Velickovic is

transferring a large amount of the stand facilities from the Cricket Ground to the new complex.

"I am transferring the Bob Stand and the Amenities Stand, benches which cover over 2,000 metres, and other materials from the ground to the new complex.

"Mr Tonic donated the construction of the stand and seating for nothing and we are also applying for a grant for the ground

from the government.

"Some time next year we will have the ground and facilities completed and then we can look forward to pushing Avala to the top," Velickovic said.

These moves by Avala will put them in good stead for the future. Let's face it, for any club to make such steps deserves credit.

Last weekend the club were involved in a Soccer tournament covering all the major Serbian clubs

within Australia. Beograd Adelaide was the host of the tournament, which included Avala (Sydney), Serbia (Melbourne) and Morava (Perth).

Next season the club is hopeful of signing a match-winning striker, a position which they had problems with this year. Mr Jack Cirjanic, the first grade team manager, discussed what the club would be doing in terms of playing strength next year.

"At this stage we'll be looking for a top quality striker who is a deadly finisher. This aspect and other relevant details on playing strength will be discussed at the Annual General Meeting on November 13.

"There are a couple more youngsters coming through the ranks and that looks good for the future. Agenor Muniz, the 1983 Rothmans medal winner, will be there next year and many of our other long serving players will start the 1984 season," Cirjanic said.



Above and below: A front and rear view of the new Australian National Serbian Centre located in Sydney's Western suburbs.



Down on the Coast

BY PHIL MURPHY

GARY MASTERS has been appointed coach of Shellharbour for next season taking over from John Bingham.

Bingham has finished his three-year contract with the club and is known to be keen to get at least one other coaching job advertised recently.

Masters will go to Shellharbour after being coach of Russell Vale for most of this year.

Last season he retired as a player while with Fairy Meadow after being plagued by a knee injury.

Masters has a long association with senior Soccer, having been in the South Coast United minor grade sides back in the 60's.

The most interesting coaching appointment so far is that of Adrian Ringland, another former South Coast United player, at West-Figtree.

Ringland has been coaching the Figtree un-

FAIRY MEADOW and Wollongong United are anxiously waiting to see if they will be accepted in to the State league next season.

It seems there will be five vacancies in the State competition and Fairy Meadow were fourth in the second division and United fifth.

They are hoping the four teams accepted in the new NSL set-up are all from the present State League and there is already one vacancy because Riverwood pulled out early this year.

It would be a big boost to Wollongong Soccer if they were to get both teams promoted.

Larry Ashbolt is keen to retain his position as

coach with United but the job has been advertised in the Wollongong Press.

Fairy Meadow's job is also up for grabs and they could come up with a surprise applicant.

FERNHILL certainly won't lack anything in administration when the new season starts.

Bruce Isedale has been appointed president with Barry Scott secretary and both are well known in Illawarra Soccer.

Isedale was one of the district's top players in the old North Wollongong club and has been a great club man for Fernhill in more recent years.

He also had a spell on the district management committee.

A former top referee, Scott worked tirelessly on the judiciary board as secretary and has a wealth of experience in "bookwork."

Fernhill have their own ground and have done well developing it but they haven't made it clear they aren't about to just sit around from now on.

FERNHILL goalkeeper Justin Norris seems to have little trouble with a back injury that forced him to give the game away when the warmer weather comes around.

The former representative keeper had to give the game away on doctor's orders.

A fast bowler with Wollongong cricket team he

was told he also had to forget about cricket.

Norris decided he would not bowl but try for selection as a batsman.

It seems to be working out — in the opening round he scored a half-century against Berkeley then came out against premiers Thirroul to hammer 107.

WARILLA Wanderers missed out in the Premier League grand final when they lost 3-1 to West-Figtree but gained some consolation with a 3-1 win over Yagoona in the Macedonian Cup final at Kemblawarra Oval.

The eight-team series went over two days and attracted good crowds with 1,500 watching the final.

STARS

This year's NSW State League semi-final play-offs produced some memorable moments. This page is dedicated to some of the players who created lively and magic memories from these games.

Left: Melita's Col McAusland clears the ball before Croatia's Wally Savor moves in. Right: Paul Dart (left) is a fine goal-keeping prospect from the Sutherland club. Paul was transferred from Port Hacking Seagulls earlier this year.



Below left: Melita's lively Wayne Farnsworth (centre) misses this sliding tackle from Dave Rezo (right). Croatia's Drago Tomasic (left) moves in to cover. Below: Local Blacktown City product John Larkin pulls off a timely tackle on Sutherland's Jim Webber. Right: Billy Griffith (right) performed admirably for the Eagles this year.

MATCHMAKERS!



Left: Croatia's Graham Arnold heads the ball clear from Melita's Col McAusland. Below: Alex McPherson pulls off a skilful one-handed save before Croatia's popular winger Peter Hensman moves in. Right: Blacktown City striker Michael McLaughlin (right) surges forward.



ACT SF FEES TO RISE?

BY STEVE BURNS

THE EXECUTIVE of the ACT Soccer Federation could face hostile debate at next month's annual general meeting when they bid to increase dramatically membership fees.

The major opposition come from affiliate rather than full members.

The executive proposes that affiliates' membership fees be increased by 100% — from \$50 to \$100.

The corresponding increase recommended for full members is 25% — up from \$200 to \$250.

The proposals must be ratified by clubs at the December 5 AGM with only full members having voting rights.

Federation sources believe that full member clubs could come under heavy pressure from affiliates to resist the proposed increases.

Even some full member clubs could be unhappy at the proposed increase because the \$250 is but a mere drop in the ocean when weighed against total club costs such as player fees, ground hire, referee fees, strips and all other ancillary costs.

However, from the increased membership fees, the Federation hopes to appoint a part-time executive to administer and co-ordinate the work load for all Soccer leagues in Canberra.

AMATEURS ARE ON THE MOVE

BY STEVE BURNS

AMATEUR SOCCER in Canberra is booming.

The best — the biggest — amateur league in the national capital, the Canberra League, already has 40 teams in four divisions states STEVE BURNS

However, it is strongly rumoured a mammoth additional 15 to 20 teams could join the league next season.

The Canberra League has always been regarded as the best of the amateur leagues, a true testing ground for clubs wanting to formally participate in organised Soccer and then possibly go on to better things. It also caters for teams who aspire to nothing more than a reasonable standard of Saturday afternoon organised, amateur Soccer.

These teams tend to cater for players in the older age groups, many of whom have played at a higher level but want a game for no other reason than for fun and fitness.

All Canberra games are covered by top league-appointed linesmen and referees.

Each club also has to pay a yearly membership fee to the ACT Soccer Federation.



CUPS CLASH

THERE COULD be a row over the 1984 season before it gets off the ground, reports Tom McKain.

The proposed National Cup contest to kick off the NSL season will clash with the SA Ampol Cup series and those in other States.

The NSL want to run the Cup — involving its 24 teams plus State League champions — as a night series.

The SA Ampol Cup summer night series is always a major attraction, and SA Federation secretary Mr Peter Nikolich says it will not be rearranged to suit the NSL.

"This will be Ampol's 25th anniversary as far as the Adelaide competition is concerned and we have made special arrangements for the 1984 series," he said.

"It will be bigger and better with increased prizemoney and there is no way we will be changing our timetable."

NSL manager Mr Ste-

fan Kamasz admitted there could be problems over a dates clash, not only in Adelaide but interstate.

"It is early yet and I'm sure we will find a solution," he said.

Apart from Adelaide's two NSL clubs, City and West, State League champions Beograd will also be in the National Cup.

City and West are keen to continue playing in the Ampol series which gives them a chance to prepare for the 1984 winter.

Apart from their NSL squads they have squads in the local State League First Division.

The Ampol series has always given them a chance to weed out the also-rans from their senior squads, blood youngsters, and try out new signings.

TRAGIC DEATH

CANBERRA Soccer was shocked and saddened last week at the tragic death of one of the city's most promising young teenage players reports STEVE BURNS.

He is Peter Desmond, 17, who died in Canberra of a cerebral haemorrhage last week.

Peter, the eldest son of Mr and Mrs Dick Desmond, has represented the ACT at many levels.

This year he was a member of the ACT U/18 squad a member of the ACT schoolboy side which went to Brisbane and won the Australian secondary schools championship and was a member of the Belconnen United Soccer club's U/13 team which was the only senior team in Canberra to conclude the season undefeated.

The funeral service was held in Canberra last Friday and many of Canberra's best known Soccer personalities attended. His pall-bearers were six members of the ACT secondary team.

The president of the ACT Soccer Federation, Roger Grylls, said he spoke for everyone in Canberra Soccer when he said the Federation was deeply shocked and saddened by Peter Desmond's death.

"He was a young man who lived for Soccer," Mr Grylls said.

"On behalf of the ACT Federation I extend the deepest sympathy to Mr and Mrs Desmond in their tragic loss."



TAROOMA ST MIRREN . . . Rothmans League Division I runner-up and losing Cup finalist.

Back (L-R): Richards (Coach), Lickiss, B. Ross, Harrison, Hanna, Jones, Baker, Taplin, J. Ross (Manager).

Front (L-R): Bishop, Morrison, Davis, C. Ross, Fiddis.



DEVONPORT . . . 1983 Tasmanian North and North-West State League champion and Statewide Cup finalist.

Back (L-R): McKenna, Smith, A. Rimmer, S. Rimmer, Best, Gleeson, Parke.

Front (L-R): Sawdon (Coach), Rigby, Frame, Adams, Abley, Pizzerani, Buchanan.



JUVENTUS-PIONEER . . . Tasmania Cadbury State League champion, Tasmanian State champion, and Statewide Cup winner.

Back (L-R): Ambrosino, Craven, Di Martino, Cochrane, Pace, F. Genovesi, Burton, Latanzio, Fabrizio, Brine (Coach), J. Genovesi (President), Payne (Manager).

Front (L-R): Charlton, Ward, Bacon, Di Felice, Lapolla.

THE GIVE IN GRASS

IT WAS in 1971 that Terry Venables and Gordon Williams published their novel entitled "They Used To Play On Grass". The book was set in the future and dealt with the world of football, a world in which all matches were played on artificial pitches, reports Van Diemen.

The book proved to be a best seller. Venables was an outstanding player with impeccable credentials. He had represented England at every possible level, from schoolboy through to senior level, and had played for Chelsea, Spurs and Queens Park Rangers.

Williams was a writer of note (he wrote the script for the movie "Straw Dogs"), and the combination of the two men's talents added up to instant success.

In recent years, Venables has established himself as a writer of some repute in his own right, as the author of the 'Hazel' detective series of books and television films. He has also proven himself to be a very capable football coach and manager.

It is of some interest, therefore, that he should be involved in a little bit of history that was made in England on the weekend of September 3, 1983, in his present role as manager and part-owner of English first division side Queens Park Rangers.

It was on that weekend that the first ever English first division match played on an artificial pitch took place at Queens Park Rangers' Loftus Road ground in London.

Queens Park Rangers played all their home matches on this same artificial pitch last season, but then they were in the second division.

Artificial pitches are generally frowned upon by most of the footballing world, with the possible exception of North America where they are often part and parcel of the game. This often creates problems for teams that tour North American and for foreign players who sign with American or Canadian clubs.

Scotland, for example, recently played three matches in Canada, two of them on artificial turf. The experience prompted manager Jock Stein and some of the top players, such as Gordon Strachan, to come out in condemnation of artificial surfaces, claiming that they were dangerous and unsuitable for Soccer.

Italian international, Roberto Bettega, who recently joined Canadian club Toronto Blizzard from Juventus, has already been laid low by the effects of playing on artificial turf.

After playing three games in eight days on an artificial pitch, Bettega's muscles literally seized up. They became as 'hard as rocks' and doctors banned him from playing until he had completely 'hard as rocks' and doctors banned him from playing until he had completely recovered because they feared that he would tear a muscle.

QPR beat Aston Villa 2-1 in the historic London game and Villa's manager, Tony Barton, was most unhappy at the result. Speaking on BBC radio after the match, Barton had a word of warning for the other first division teams that would wend their way to Loftus Road this season.

"Any team that comes here not having played on this type of surface before are going to find it very, very difficult, and we did exactly the same today," he said.

This was despite the fact that Aston Villa had trained for three days on a similar surface at the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham prior to the Loftus Road match.

"We still took an initial 15 or 20 minutes to settle down," said Barton.

"Even though we trained at the Alexander Stadium, it was still fairly different to this."

"I mean this was very, very hard — no give at all. But, we lost a goal in the first 15 minutes, which we didn't want to do, and, of course, that lifted them considerably and it was only Nigel Spink who kept us in the game in the first half with some fine saves."

"One or two of our players were a bit apprehensive because it was something they've never done in their lives before."

Barton thought the pitch definitely favoured QPR and contributed significantly to his side's defeat. "I think that at home they'll be a very difficult side to beat because of their pitch. I'm sure that when they do come to Villa Park they'll find us, certainly, a different proposition and I think when they go away to many first division clubs they'll find it a different proposition."

"I just hope we don't draw them in one of the cups and that this visit is the first and last. Other clubs can't say they weren't warned."

NOT ENOUGH VICTORIANS

VICTORIANS can't help feeling national coach Les Scheinflug favours players from his home town.

They claim it's not fair to select 17 of the 22 national squad from Sydney when only four have been chosen from Victoria and one from Queensland.

The feeling is players of the calibre of South Mel-

bourne winger and National League top scorer Doug Brown should have been given some consideration.

And another who should have received the

nod is Victorian record State League goalscorer Paul Lewis of Green Gully who was not apparently considered for a place in the squad to go to Singapore to defend the Merlion Cup in December.



Doug Brown (left): not considered

TERRY IS A TOP MINDER

TERRY HAWKE is one of those Soccer players you either like or dislike.

Most like him despite the fact he's broken his arm twice as a goalkeeper.

But this season he's had one of the best on record since he migrated to Australia from Devon, in England.

He has just won the best and fairest award from the Prahran City club where he's been keeper during the past season.

Terry, a former Juventus keeper, is in the hair cosmetics industry and he tells ASW when he takes his team-mates to a hairdressing show they really enjoy themselves because of the beautiful women who attend.

He says his next show is at The Palladium, on Monday, November 7.

The show includes dancing, dinner and a parade of the best hair styles in the country.

It sounds like a great night out and Terry believes "nobody will be disappointed."

If you're interested you should phone Terry for tickets on 690 1088 or get them from Schwarzkope (it's German for black hair) opposite the Star Hotel, in Clarendon Street, South Melbourne.



Paul Lewis: unnoticed

16 IN ITALY CUP

THE ITALY CUP competition will kick-off at Jukes Road ground, Fawkner, on November 5.

Some of the matches this year will be played under lights during mid-week because of the large number of clubs taking part.

There will also be a competition for under 14s which will be known as the Lazzari Cup. It has been organised by the Juventus Old Boys and the Lazzari family in honor of the former great Lou Lazzari who played a big part in Victorian Soccer during his life.

The matches of the Lazzari Cup will be played as curtain raisers to the Italy Cup.

Sixteen clubs will take part in the tournament. They are:

Group A: Thomastown, Triestina Moonee Ponds, Nunawading United, Batman Lazio.

Group B: Bulleen Veneto, Ascot St Mark, East Carlton, Werribee.

Group C: East Brunswick Abruzzo, Westall Inter, Vermont, Carrum United.

Group D: Fawkner Azuri, Juventus, Geelong United, Dallas City.

The semi finals will be between the winner of Group C and the winner of Group B, and also between the winner of Group D and the winner of Group A.

Here is the opening round:

November 5, 2 pm: Fawkner v Dallas City. 3.30 pm: East Brunswick v Westall Inter. 5 pm: Werribee v Ascot St. Mark.

November 6, 1.30 pm: Bulleen Veneto v East Carlton. 3 pm: Juventus v Geelong United. 4.30 pm: Nunawading United v Thomastown.

SOCCER POLITICS

PETER DANIELS a founder member of National League club Preston, is standing as an independent candidate in the Central Ward in the Preston City Council.

Peter has always been a great advocate for having a Soccer man on the local council.

He believes a Soccer man could do a lot for the game if he had a seat on the local council.

He says his chance of winning a position on Council is improved by the fact that he belongs to no political party.

JUVENTUS JOE QUILTS

ONE OF the most popular young men of the Italian Soccer community of Melbourne has resigned owing to the pressure of business.

He is 21 year-old Joseph Mirabella, who has been president of the Juventus Reserves and the U/18's.

He has given a lot of time — and money — to the club and says he just can't go on because of the amount of work involved in his father's business of which he is a partner.

During Joseph's reign at the top the U/18's won the championship and lost the Armstrong Cup on penalties to Green Gully 4-2 after the full-time score was 0-0.

HUDDART HURTING

GEELONG COACH Dave Huddart isn't very happy. He is still hurting.

He says he didn't receive any thanks from the club for winning the Geelong Advertiser Cup this year and he walked out on the presentation night a "very disappointed man."

Now he claims the club secretary, Chris Van Beek, has asked him if he's available for the coaching job for 1984.

"No way," says a very disgruntled Dave.

"I wouldn't apply for the job if you gave it to me."

Meanwhile the Geelong club is advertising for a coach for next season.

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THE Auburn Soccer Club will once again hold its Annual FREE Summer Soccer Coaching Clinic and 1983's clinic will be bigger and better than ever.

Run during November, on every Tuesday and Thursday, between 5.45 p.m. and 7.30 p.m., at the new Wilson Park complex at Silverwater, near the Womens Prison (turn off Silverwater Road at Holder Street, then first left at Newington Road) the clinic is available free of charge to all boys between the age of 11 years and 16 years old.

The Auburn Soccer Club Staff Coaches (headed by two times Rothmans Medal Winner, John McDonald) will be organising the coaching with assistance from the Auburn 1st Grade players.

Guest Coaches include: Australian Senior and NSL Leichhardt's Goalkeeper — Greg Woodhouse; Australian Youth Captain and NSL Marconi Midfielder — Tommy McCulloch; Australian U16 Rep. and NSL Leichhardt Defender — Paul Carter; Australian Youth and NSL Marconi Striker — Rod Brown; Australian Youth and State League Croatia Defender — Brett Woods; and Australian Youth and NSL St George Striker — Robbie Slater; also a guest refereeing demonstration by Australia's No.1 Referee — Tony Boskovic.

The Auburn Club is renowned for producing great players such as Brown, Slater, McCulloch, Carter, Woods, Croatia's Steven Waugh, Melita's Paul Daley, Blacktown's Michael McLaughlin and Auburn's Craig Jones, Slav Planinic, David Bowman and Glen Johnson, just to name a few, and

SUMMER COACHING CLINIC

there are many new stars being produced at the club now.

The youth system at Auburn is one of the most successful in Sydney as proven by the 1983 NSW Youth League results, with the Auburn Club finishing 7th out of 27 Clubs that field U/13, U/14, U/15 and U/16 NSW Youth League teams. The U/13s finished second in their group behind St George, and the U/15s were first in their group, with the U/14s and U/16s finishing in the top half of their respective groups.

The 1984 season promises to be even more successful with the securing of four of the best youth coaches available, in addition to Greg Woodhouse as goal-keeper coach.

The Summer Coaching Clinic is used as a guide in the selecting of next year's youth teams, with the advantage of all players training in a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere.

The Total Image Company, which produces health and food supplements such as K-28 and Ultra Diet, is sponsoring the clinic and will have prizes to give enthusiastic Soccer boys, as well as samples of their products for parents to try.

Leichhardt's Paul Carter has been selected to play for Australia in the Merlion International Trophy in Singapore. Tommy McCulloch is going to England to trial with Southampton and Robbie Slater will be at Nottingham Forest during the off season.



THE boys of the Auburn Youth England Touring Squad recently had the thrill of meeting some of the great players that the Auburn Club has produced. Back: Mr. David Sherwin from the Tour Sponsor, Total Image; Paul Carter, Tommy McCulloch, Craig Jones, Brett Woods, Rod Brown, Slav Planinic, Robbie Slater,

John McDonald. Middle: Keiran Pender, Cristian Navarro, Stuart Nolan, David Bonnyman, Paul Rago, Hayden Sanson, Tony Allen, Danny Wright. Front: Robert Wozniak (Squad Coach), Jim Adams, Stuart Coultts, Gabriel Bruno, Harry Wozniak, Michael Beky, Adam Wozniak, Denis Wright (Manager).

AUBURN BOYS PREPARE TO TOUR ENGLAND

AUBURN SOCCER Club will send a youth team on a three-week tour to England, beginning on Sunday, January 1, 1984.

The tour has been arranged by Stephen's International Sports Travel. The squad consists of 11 under 13 players, one under 14 and 15 plus an U/13 representative from Coffs Harbour as well as a coach and manager. They include: Coach: Robert Wozniak, Manager: Denis Wright, U/13 players: Hayden Sanson (Captain), David Bonnyman,

Stuart Coultts, Gabriel Bruno, Michael Beky, Tony Allen, Harry Wozniak, Keiran Pender, Cristian Navarro, Danny Wright, Paul Rago. U/14: Jim Adams. U/15: Adam Wozniak. U/13 representative: Stuart Nolan (Coffs Harbour).

The youth squad will be based at Westerfield House, Ipswich, for two weeks and the third week

will involve a bus tour of Northern England.

The players will be coached by professional coaches and First Division players at Westerfield House, which is the training headquarters of Ipswich Town Football Club.

Some of the great players the Australian boys will meet include: Craig Johnston, Pat Jennings, Kenny Dalglish, Glenn Hoddle, Bryan Robson, Billy Bonds, Kevin Keegan, Ossie Ardiles, Trevor Francis and Norman Whiteside.

Six social games have been organised against English sides, plus a five-a-side competition.

Apart from the Soccer aspect of the tour, the par-

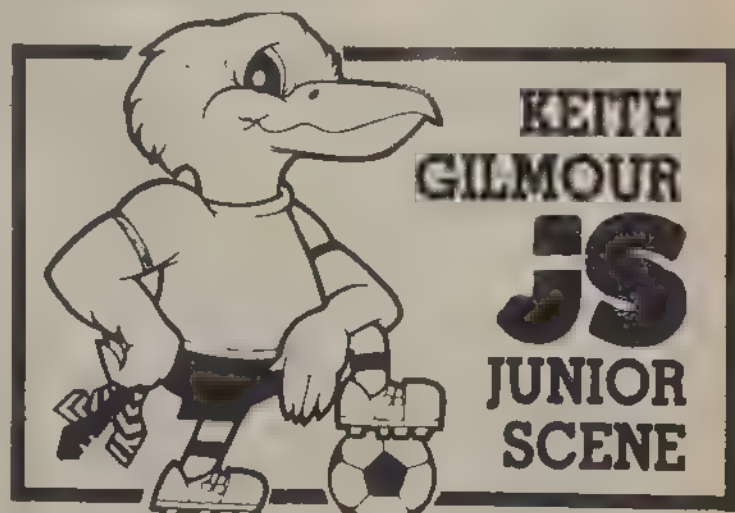
ty will take in the many educational aspects of the country including the numerous sights of London, Cambridge University and other historical landmarks in England.

The funds for the tour are being raised mainly by the efforts of the 14 boys, their coach, manager and parents, with assistance from the Auburn

club supporters, the general business community and friends.

The securing of a major tour sponsor in the form of the Total Image Company, which specialises in food and health supplement such as the K-28 and Ultra Diet products, has assisted greatly.

— from Rob Wozniak



A FIRST FOR 'RED SPURS'

A COMPOSITE U13 team, playing under the name of Red Spurs Bankstown, won the inaugural South Pacific Cup in Noumea.

The four teams competing were the New Caledonia Select and New Caledonia Skills team, Red Spurs, and the NSW Combined Churches team.

Vic Dalglish, in charge of the Church team, reports that the series was well organised by Sportsworld Tours and

the New Caledonia Football League.

Most of the games were played on the Magenta Stadium in Noumea. Jason Tracy from Auburn, playing for the Red Spurs, was leading scorer in the competition.

Steve Karanatakis, a specialist left winger or inside man, was the best

player. He is a Sydney Olympic Youth League player.

Kevin Lom, normally a right-back, took over as goalkeeper to meet an emergency for Spurs, and had a great tournament.

In final games Red Spurs 6 defeated a Select XI 4, and Churches 2 beat Skills squad 0.

For Churches right-back Andrew Roberts was very consistent.

The tournament was held in excellent weather,

and the boys had a number of interesting educational trips as well.

The composition of the Spurs and Churches squads was:

Red Spurs Bankstown: Kevin Lom, David Vidler, Scott Jacka, John Loring, Harry Zizikas, Jack Myriallakis, John Stamos, Tony Giouzolis, Terry Palatanis, Jason Tracy, Steve Karanatakis, Damien Robertson, Steve Bardsley. Coach: Peter Dunn. Manager: Norman Robertson.

NSW Combined Churches:

Nathan Terry, Steve Phillips, Peter Standardo, David Shepherd, Don Lee, Robert Degai, Andrew Thomas, Andrew Roberts, Jang Lee, Pablo Gomez, Marlon Julius, Shaun Duffy, John Tollis, Craig Johnstone. Coach: Vic Dalglish. Manager: Bob Clinch.

KEEP THEM COMING

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY has an unsalable appetite for your news stories and pictures which can cover team photographs and all aspects of junior and schools Soccer.

Keep them coming to ASW, P.O. Box 406, Broadway NSW 2007. We want to publicise your activities.

Fred Morse, the treasurer of the Albury Wodonga Soccer Association, has an abiding love for Soccer.

His two loves are his family and Soccer, and only he knows which comes first.

He has been a great crusader for junior Soccer in this growth centre.

Fred Morse came up through the rank and file to be president for three years of Albury Soccer club.

This year, with Fred as coach, Albury won through the major semi-final against Myrtleford on penalty kicks.

It was a great moment for Fred and wife Heather.

After losing the AWSA U14 Cup to Lavington, he gathered his players together and congratulated them.

With a friendly "Better luck next time," he took them home to his place for a barbecue.

Losing out certainly hurt him inside, but Fred will be back to put more into the game again in 1984.

— from Frank Finlay.





The Saints United skipper responds to congratulations on winning the Canterbury & District ladies competition for 1983. The presentation took place at the Canterbury-Hurlstone Park RSL Club.



Helen Saad, 1983 publicity officer for Canterbury Association, contributed items on local juniors to ASW this year. She also proved that with the right contacts and the right material, local papers will usually quickly respond and give Soccer its rightful place in their columns. Next year she will be standing down, due to the demands of a job as a school photographer and to give more time to husband George and her young family. Thanks Helen, and every success.

BEHIND THE SCENES

CANTERBURY SAYS THANKS

Syd Gould (pictured at Canterbury District's presentation night) well remembers when the NSW Protestant Churches Soccer Football Assn was formed in 1920 and the Canterbury & District Assn three years later. In those days there was only under 17 or 18 and seniors. He was playing then and says that the formation of Canterbury saved the teams from the district travelling all over Sydney for their matches. Syd knows all the champion players of yester years. Although his time in the game goes back over 63 years he is still vitally interested in the progress of the game.



Keith Anderson, a life member of Canterbury & District SFA and the local referees' association as well, has been active in promoting Soccer for more years than he would care to remember. Well known as a representative referee, he still takes the whistle for local games, especially amongst the youngsters.



Marrickville Soccer Club first came into being in 1946 with the assistance of Bruce Livingstone and the late Monty Prichard. For the first time, Marrickville won the Canterbury & District club championship. Here president Alan Smith displays the trophy.



Long time Soccer identity Norm Martin snapped with Canterbury and District president Ron Piper and local official Trevor Jones. Norm was once a team manager for the former great Leichhardt-Annandale club and later he assisted Canterbury-Marrickville. He received a civil decoration for services to the Uniting Churches' old peoples homes. Ron Piper's current ambition is to bring Belmore-Canterbury Second Division club to the prominence once enjoyed by this famous Soccer district.

CUP WINNERS AWSA GRAND FINALS 1983

U/8 MELROSE
PARK RANGERS
U/10 WAN-
GARATTA
U/12 HOTSPURS
U/14 LAVINGTON
U/16 DIAMONDS
RESERVES: MYRT-
LEFORD
SENIORS: ALBURY
CITY

About 1000 people attended. Games were played at the Border Soccer Club on Sunday, October 9.



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WYONG IS WUNDERBAR

WYONG SOCCER Sports and Recreation Club made history this year in the Central Coast Soccer Association Premier League, fielding three senior sides in the league — U19, Reserves and A Grade. They took out the Premiership in all three grades.

Wyong A Grade also won the prestigious Angel Pie Cup, a knock-out com-

petition which is run every year on the coast making history again by being

the only Central Coast Club to take out both Comp's in the same year.



U19: Back: Gianni Guisti, Sean Brooker, Steve Nicholson, Brad Bowman, Glen Morgan, Frank Woods (manager), Phil McCaig, Peter Launt, Jim Malcolm (coach). Front: Graham Sales (capt), Dave Taylor, Steve Barnes, Mark Best, Harold Guihot.



1ST GRADE: Back: Carl Garland (president), Stewart Town, Bill McIntyre, Andy Jarret (capt), Rod Bowman. Middle: Ray Boulter, Neville Mason, Steve Vardenesa, Max Mehmet (club sponsor), Norm Jackson (coach). Front: Tony Savia, Bruce Stringer, Cameron Mehmet, Dave Taylor, Graham Boulter, Don August (manager).



RES GRADE: Back: Bob Lowcock, Steve Caldwell, Scott Williams, Ian Mehmet, Geoff Eggleton, Ross Sanders, Brad Ives, Jim Malcolm, Norm Jackson (coach). Middle: John Galea, Graham Lewis. Front: Greg Salmon (manager), Danny Caldwell, Mick Newton (capt), Brad Mills, Darren Roy.

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PERKY PARKLEA



This bright young group of players, the Parklea U21s from Blacktown District, reached their NSW Champion of Champions final. They ended up as runners-up to Manly-Warringah's Killarney Soccer club after losing the final 3-0 at Seymour Shaw Park. Congratulations to their coach Mr S. Watkins and the boys for a great 1983 season. The players are: Back: M. Scilinato, I. Harnett, A. Giles, A. Campbell, B. Salter, J. Rayment, R. Manson. Front: B. Michealmore, C. Lawn, R. Dannoun, A. Hussey, N. Depinto, R. Pennell.

THE WINNERS!

THE NSW Champion of Champions series takes in all grades, and features the First Division winners of dozens of Soccer Associations throughout Sydney and Southern NSW.

Taking out a Champions competition is a high honour, and indicates a high degree of Soccer proficiency for the players.

To celebrate the winners, we publish the names of all the players involved, and at the same time we congratulate the players of all the teams that made such excellent competitions possible.

And now, here they are:

U8: FAIRFIELD HEIGHTS (Southern Dists Assn): M. Giandomenico, H. Silla, M. Campagnolo, D. Jot, D. D'Alfonso, A. Prnjak, T. Osborn, C. Clout, A. Mammoliti, V. Osborn, M. Ditte, Res: V. D'Astolito.

U9: CHULLORA WOLVES (Bankstown Assn): G. Thomas, D. Sharman, L. Sbirziola, C. Holder, M. Glynatois, J. Hayward, B. Broughton, A. Smith, B. Simiana, A. Pittas, K. Kaprot. Res: P. Stratton.

U10: NORTH ROCKS (Granville Assn): A. Johnson, J. Liotta, B. Porteous, D. Harris, G. Black, D. Ide, B. Renoud, J. Frare, W. Plare, A. Crews, G. Randall, Res: B. McCombe, C. Murray, T. Rimmer.

U11: CONNELLS PT (St George Assn): T. Petronovic, C. Bye, V. Jago, P. Lesko, B. Piccolruaz, J. Williams, T. Prusac, Z. Adioski, R. Lovoja, M. Goreta, R. Green. Res: S. Prahim.

U12: MERRYLANDS (Granville Assn): J. Smart, M. Richardson, A. Lindley, N. Riley, D. Kargas, D. Seniuk, R. Cook, C. Ringhof, K. Rooney, M. Bingley, M. Russell, Res: D. Seniuk, Moolier, S. McWhirter.

U13: BELMORE (Canterbury Assn): M. Favotto, J. Serrotore, R. Rosenberg, K. Psihlis, J. Cryer, V. Bach, M. Lisgaris, P. Benetis, J. Gibson, S. Pantzours, S. Fee. Res: P. Dang, M. Gairifalatis.

U14: CANTERBURY (Canterbury Assn): J. Tsimcoukis, E. Taylor, S. Tidio, L. Munro, T. Ruter, T. Zappia, T. Stylianos, P. Antoniadis, T. Cara, T. Keny, E. Passatacoua, Res: G. Alvarez, V. Pizzin-

gav, M. O'Sullivan, A. Nezindsk.

U15: BANKSTOWN UNITED (Bankstown Assn): M. Shillington, A. Cresswell, B. Cirbs, D. Glover, A. Haramis, S. Harris, J. Wells, D. Smith, J. McCrea, G. Xaereb, J. Ramirez, M. Frosely.

U17: NORTH EPPING RANGERS (Gladesville-Hornsby Assn): A. Grier-son, M. Gitzinger, D. Henman, D. Baikey, M. Jones, C. Gillifs, D. Eagleson, A. Valfstine, A. Beeston, N. Baker, S. Rovts, M. Howard, D. Gilles, G. Dunn.

U18: CONCORD (Canterbury Assn): P. Vourelis, L. Capraro, D. Seminara, E. Calabria, L. Franco, S. Scognamiglio, G. Gallatti, M. Pelliccarro, R. Carrzza, G. Tatarakis, G. Nash, D. Zulian.

U21: KILLARNEY (Manly-Warringah Assn): G. Mahn, S. Morrow, A. Mahn, G. Gampset, S. Baldini, N. White, R. Salmons, G. Woods, P. Wandl, K. O'Byrne, S. Smithson, M. Williams, A. Stevens.



Are you sure that left-back of yours is under-15?

JIMMY MELIA TALKS

JIMMY MELIA's shock resignation as Brighton manager only a few months after taking the team to the Cup Final at Wembley, was caused by a personality clash.

That's what Melia said when he quit.

"I don't want to throw any mud," he said, "but the coach, Chris Cattlin, was even picking the team. I jumped out — I was not pushed."

Coveniently, Brighton's boss man, club chairman Mike Bamber, was on holiday in California when the balloon went up.

STEVE, 13: IN BANKS MOULD!

WITH unlimited talent, a 13-year-old Albury-Wodonga Soccer Association goalkeeper, could become another Gordon Banks, the famous English goalie of the 1960's.

Stefano Mautone, of the Myrtleford Savoy Soccer Club has everything a goalie should possess.

"Steve" as he is known to me, has confidence, anticipation, courage and all other skills a goalkeeper should have," A.W.S.A. junior soccer Promotion Officer, Frank Finlay said.

After playing as a goalie for the A.W.S.A. U13 rep-team in the Victorian Country Championship in Bendigo recently he was selected for the Victorian State side.

He represented Victoria in the Australian National U13 Championships played at Alice Springs recently.

After a brilliant display and without conceding a goal, he was named as goalkeeper of the series.

"The A.W.S.A. is showing it's appreciation and respect by having Steve's picture on the front cover page of the association's 1984 Year Book," Mr Finlay said.

Steve's sporting career began with the Myrtleford Football League,



Stefano Mautone: a goalie with a bright future.

where he played for the Barwidge Midgets Football Club in 1978 and 1979.

Mid-way through 1979 he started to play soccer as a left winger, in the U10 team.

He has also represented the A.W.S.W. since then.

He was coached by Mr Carlo Villani, of the Lavington Soccer Club, whose U14 team won the A.W.S.A. Cup two weeks ago.

WELL DONE SON! WELL DONE PAPA!

YOUNG Carlo Villani stole the limelight at the Albury-Wodonga Soccer Association's cup finals when he scored five goals.

Carlo Jr, and his Lavington Soccer Club U14 team mates, won the A.S.A.W. 1983 Cup and Radio 2AY-McDonalds' perpetual trophy for the best team effort.

They beat Albury Hotspurs 5-0.

Right from the start of the game they displayed



Carlo Villan'

excellent teamwork, which would put Reserve and Senior players to shame.

Hotspurs just could not match their opposition's skill, which was far advanced for their years.

"They won fair and square with their perfect ball control, accuracy and weight," junior soccer Promotion Officer Frank Finlay said.

Young Carlo has been a member of the A.W.S.A. rep-team for many years.

One should also congratulate the coach Mr Carlo Villani senior, who has put in a lot of work to make sure of his team's success.

Mr Villani will attend the Willie Wallace Coach Academy later this year, to advance his knowledge of coaching.

Congratulations to Mr Villani and his boys.

Well done.



Back Row: Brendon Plunkett, Rodney Sayers, Russell Smith, Jason Toniello, Stuart Cowin (vc), Andrew Clark, Glen Bowman and Chris Martin. Front Row: Jamie Felton-Taylor, Johnny Scott, Stuart Nolan (C) and Rodney Smith.

UNITED SOAR!

THE COFFS Harbour United U13 team enjoyed success throughout the year.

The team won the Mid North Coast U12 major premiership for the second year running. Incredibly, they played up one age group last year.

The team sponsored by "Unipart" Coffs Harbour, needed no spare parts or

accessories to dispose of Sawtell in the final 4-0 after having drawn 1-1 and 2-2 in competition games during the season.

The team went through the season undefeated scoring 59 goals and conceding three in the Minor

premiership and premiership wins. They also won the Mid North Coast round robin competition.

Stuart Nolan, the captain of the side, is going to England to tour with the Auburn U13 youth team.

SYDNEY-NEWCASTLE CONNECTION

OVER the year there has been a lack of contact between Sydney and Newcastle at junior club and association level because of the artificial division between the two "states" of NSW and Northern NSW.

But, even if the administrators are slow to do anything about it, the boys have ways of getting together. Today's shot, by courtesy of the St George House publication, shows the St George U12's at front in a group with the Macquarie boys from Newcastle.

St George boys billet Macquarie each year for the centenary tournament in a great gesture.



DANES NOT SO GREAT NOW!

HUNGARY's 1-0 win against Denmark in the European Championship Group Three match has thrown the Group wide open ... and given England a good chance of qualifying.

Denmark looked certain to top the Group after beating the Englishmen at Wembley but they are no certainties now.

Denmark have 11 points with one game to go and England have 10, also with one game left.

Everything will be decided on November 16 when Denmark play Greece in Athens and

England play Luxembourg in Luxembourg.

England are 100 to 1 on to beat Luxembourg but Denmark will not find things easy in Athens and could drop one or two points.

If the issue is settled on goals, England have the better figures — plus the chance to bang in plenty against tiny Luxembourg.

In Budapest last week, the Danes came unstuck 1-0 with a goal from Sandor Kiss although for most of the match, Denmark were on top and squandered many scoring chances.

The winning goal arrived 10 minutes after half-time, laid on for Kiss by the famous Andras Torocsik.

The Hungarians made six changes to the line-up which was slaughtered by England in Budapest recently.

Denmark's 1-0 defeat was their first slip-up in Group Three.

They had collected five wins and a draw from their previous six matches.



'TURNCOAT' CRUYFF STILL IDOLISED

MANY Dutch football fans are still angry about the switch of the great Johan Cruyff from Ajax to Feyenoord.

Cruyff, an idol in Amsterdam when he master-minded so much success for Ajax, is now treated as a turncoat in that city.

At 36, Cruyff is quite happy to be still in the game and picking up good money — even if it is with the Rotterdam club.

Cruyff gets added bonuses when crowds are big — home or away — and this season, Feyenoord averaged 25,000 attendances, an increase of 5,000 on the previous year.

"The petty men of Amsterdam." That's how Johan describes his detractors.



WHEN Uruguay beat Peru 1-0 in the Copa de America, played in Lima, the only goal was scored by Aguilera (left) with a piledriver.

Aguilera was in Australia in 1981 as a member of Uruguay's Youth squad.

GOALIE OUSTS CLOUGH

URI KOOLHOFF and Halvaar Thoresen are the best pair of strikers in Holland.

That's the message Dutch international goalkeeper Hans van Breukelan passed on to his Nottingham Forest team-mates before the PSV v Forest UEFA Cup match.

The Forest goalkeeper was asked by team manager Brian Clough to take over the pre-match team talk — "because Hans knows the Dutch players intimately," said the boss.

Clough's team had a good 2-1 victory and kept a close clamp on PSV stars Koolhoff and Thoresen.



CAVALRY CHARGE FOR MEXICO!

THERE is a record entry of countries to compete in the 1986 World Cup, the finals of which will be played in Mexico.

At last count, FIFA had received applications from 119 nations. This is 10 more than the 109 which entered for last year's Cup.

Europe, naturally,

leads the field with an entry of 33. Next comes Africa with a huge entry of 29 countries. There are 26 from Asia, 18 from Concacaf, 10 from South America and three from

little Oceania.

There are only 22 places available, with host nation Mexico and Cup holders Italy, gaining automatic entry to the finals.

On December 7, the draw for the qualifying competition will be made.

Matches will get going early next year and should all be completed by November 15, 1985.

OVERSEAS RESULTS

SWITZERLAND						
Aarau v Lucerne	2-2					
Basle v G'hopper	0-0					
La C de F v Sion	2-0					
Chiasso v St Gallen	3-2					
Ausanne v Wettingen	0-0					
Servette v Bellinzona	1-2					
Evsey v Neuchatel	3-1					
Uri v Young Boys	0-1					
	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
G'hopper	9	1	2	26	11	19
Sion	9	0	3	28	13	18
St Gallen	7	3	2	25	19	17
Neuchatel	6	3	3	28	13	15
Servette	6	2	4	26	16	14
Wettingen	5	3	4	17	17	13

YUGOSLAVIA	
Sluz v Partizan	0-0
Rad Nis v Pristina	3-1
Crvena Zvezda v Vinkovci	3-0
Sluz v Vinkovci	2-1
Sluz v Orl L'jana	2-1
Rad v Di Zagreb	1-0
Rad Star v Rijeka	4-1
Sluz v Bud T'grad	3-0
Tuzla v Z'car S'jevo	0-0

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ajduk	6	5	2	18	4	17
ljeka	8	1	4	20	17	17
artizan	5	6	2	14	10	16
ristina	8	0	5	17	21	16
'nicar	5	5	3	16	11	15
elez	6	2	5	15	9	14
sljek	5	4	4	13	11	14

HOLLAND

ec Zwolle v Willem II	3-1
olendam v Utrecht	1-1
el Sp v Ds '79	2-4
Sittard v Sp R'dam	1-0
Feyenoord v Ex R'dam	4-0

Haarlem v Roda Jc	0-0
Groningen v Psv	1-4
Ajax v Az '67	2-1
Den Bosch v Ga Eagles	0-0
Feyenoord	9 2 1 32 15 20
PSV	9 1 2 37 10 19
Ajax	8 3 1 38 17 19
Utrecht	7 3 2 28 18 17
Roda Jc	5 6 1 21
Sparta	4 5 3 27 20 13

W. GERMANY						
Bor M'bach v Hamburg	4-0					
Cologne v Ein F'furt	7-0					
Werder v L'kusen	3-0					
Ddorf v Stuttgart	3-0					
Mannheim v Dortmund	4-1					
Offenbach v Bielefeld	2-2					
Brunswick v Uerdigen	1-2					
Bayern v Nuremberg	4-2					
Bochum v K'lautern	4-1					
	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hamburg	8	2	2	24	14	18
Bayern	7	2	3	26	14	16
Werder	6	4	2	20	11	16
F D'eldorf	8	3	3	28	18	15
M'gladbach	6	3	3	26	15	15
Stuttgart	5	5	2	19	13	15

ITALY		
Ascoli v Udinese		1-0
Avellino v Catania		0-0
Genoa v Torino		2-1
Juventus v Sampdoria		1-2
Ac Milan v Lazio		4-1
Pisa v Inter		0-0
Roma v Napoli		5-1
Verona v F'tina		3-1
Roma	6	0 1 16 5 12
Verona	5	1 1 16 9 11
Juventus	4	1 2 14 5 9

Torino	3	3	1	6	4	9
F'tina	3	2	2	10	6	8
Avellino	3	2	2	9	7	8
Ac Milan	4	0	3	14	14	8

HUNGARY	
Vasas SC v Volan Sc	2-1
Pecs v BP Honved	1-1
Haladas v Tatabanya	1-2
Szeged v N'gyhaza	2-0
Z'rszeg v F'varos	2-0
Csepel v Ujpest	0-0
Raba Eto v Mtk Vm	4-3
Videoton v Diosgyor	2-1

Vasas SC	3	3	1	6	4	9
F'tina	3	2	2	10	6	8
Avellino	3	2	2	9	7	8
Ac Milan	4	0	3	14	14	8

SPAIN					
Sociedad v Cadiz					1-0
Valencia v Zaragoza					1-3
Malaga v Salamanca					2-1
Betis v Barcelona					0-0
Real Mad v At Madrid					5-0
V'dolid v Sevilla					3-3
Sporting v Osasuna					2-1
Murcia v Mallorca					4-1
Espanol v Bilbao					0-0
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Malaga	5	2	2	17	11 12
At Madrid	5	2	2	16	13 12
Murcia	3	5	1	14	8 11
Betis	4	3	2	13	8
Valencia	5	1	3	16	12 11

OLYMPIC GAMES CASH ROLLS IN

PASADENA'S Rose Bowl will be the venue for the final of the Olympic Games football tournament next year.

The stadium holds 106,000 and every seat has been sold for the final — even though it doesn't take place until August 11.

This proves the wisdom

of retaining football as an Olympic sport.

In the past, there have been several attempts to eliminate team games like football and hockey from the Olympics. Or-

ganisers would not listen ... because Soccer always attracts crowds ... and money.

The news from Pasadena proves they are right.

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BRAZILIANS are supposed to be desperately short of money but they still turn out in large numbers to watch football.

When Flamengo played Fluminense at Maracana, the attendance was 110,000. Tita scored both Flamengo goals.

Even Bahia against Victoria attracted 53,000 to the Fonte Nova Stadium.

YOUNG BOYS DRAW

WHEN Bulgarian club Levski Spartak played Watford in the UEFA Cup, they must have thought they were up against a youth team.

No fewer than eight of the Watford players were under 21.

NEVER BEEN THERE

BULGARIA was a brand new stamping ground for much-travelled Manchester United when United played Spartak Varna in the Cup Winners Cup.

Although the Manchester men have been competing in Europe for 27 years, the trip to the Black Sea resort of Varna was their first journey to Bulgaria.

In the return leg at Old Trafford, Ray Wilkins will be missing from United's midfield due to yellow card suspension.

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BRAZILIAN Casagrande has had an operation on his knee. The Corinthians forward will be out of action for six weeks.



SPINK IN BOX SEAT

THERE is an intriguing battle going on for the England goalkeeping job, although number one choice Peter Shilton will not be easy to displace.

It seems Ray Clemence and Joe Corrigan, rated numbers two and three behind Shilton in recent years, are now out of favour.

When England beat Hungary in Budapest in the European Championship, Shilton was in goal but his understudy was Nigel Spink (Aston Villa.)

Spink appears to have leapfrogged over both Clemence and Corrigan, both

of whom are now in the veteran class.

When England toured Australia this year, Spink was Shilton's number two.

What makes this situation even more interesting is the way Spink has now been preferred to Manchester United's Gary Bailey.

Bailey looked a safe bet to become England's top goalkeeper but it seems he must now bide his time.

TURFED!

THAT infamous artificial grass at Queens Park Rangers (Omniturf) continues to upset nearly all visiting teams.

QPR, however, have no complaints — they have an excellent home record!

Now, though, there may be some relief in sight for all those clubs which have criticised the surface.

There are plans to dig it up and replace it with a new playing surface. The change will cost QPR another \$400,000.

NOT SO 'POSH'

ONE of the most interesting teams to play in the F.A.Cup final qualifying round last Saturday was Corinthian-Casuals.

This famous old club used to use only players from universities or the "posh" schools but they are not so fussy these days.

Corinthian-Casuals are celebrating their 100th year. They are probably the only strictly amateur club in the F.A.Cup. (Some years ago, the English F.A. abolished distinctions between professionals and amateurs and instead, labelled everyone "players.")

'RED' VILLA

LAST season Aston Villa's income was down by \$700,000 on the previous season and that is a serious decline.

It is estimated that Villa are something like \$3,000,000 in the red. They showed a loss of \$100,000 on the 1982-83 campaign.

CHARLTON SURVIVAL BATTLE

CHARLTON ATHLETIC have had a five-weeks stay of execution in the hope that some money can be raised to help them over their cash difficulties.

There was a move in the High Court recently



Gary Shaw (left): cartilage problems

INJURY TO SHAW

GARY SHAW of Aston Villa is one of the brightest young prospects in England so it is a serious blow to his club and to England to be deprived of his services.

The fair-haired Villa forward went into hospital for an exploratory operation on his knee and the surgeon discovered a damaged cartilage.

The cartilage was removed and that has put Shaw out of the game for at least six weeks.

Villa manager Tony Barton said: "It is a great shame for Gary because he looked to be in such good form at the start of this season."

IRISH TEAM TOURS TO RAISE CASH

THE DECISION by England and Scotland to pull out of the Home International series has presented Wales and Northern Ireland with monumental cash problems.

The Welsh F.A. and Irish F.A. depended to a large extent on big crowds at their matches against England and Scotland to balance the books.

"Being robbed of our matches against England and Scotland will cost Northern Ireland £100,000

a year," said Harry Cavan, chairman of the I.F.A., who is also senior vice-president of FIFA.

Next May Northern Ireland will tour Canada and

the USA... the main purpose of the tour being to get money from match guarantees. The Irish

team always attracts good crowds in North America because of the many Irish migrants who live there.

CLOUGH IS 'SCARED TO DEATH'

THE financial problems in UK Soccer have even spread to some of the game's most important clubs.

Nottingham Forest, for instance, travelled to Holland to play PSV in the UEFA Cup and did not have one available forward to use as substitute.

Garry Birtles was unfit and Frans Thijssen was not eligible and this left Forest's first team squad very thin.

Outspoken manager Brian Clough commented: "Soon Forest will have more directors than players."

Asked if having such a small number in his squad was upsetting, Clough responded: "It doesn't frighten me — it scares me to death!"



GOOD MONEY FOR BOTHAM!

CRICKET superstar Ian Botham was in Scunthorpe United's team to play Bristol Rovers.

Botham has always been a talented Soccer player, but his cash rewards from football wouldn't even approach what he is making in cricket. Botham is due to have his testimonial next year and a conservative estimate of the money he'll get is \$1,000,000.

That's not surprising when you consider he has people like Mick Jagger to get the fund rolling.

SCOREBOARD

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